



# Knob-and-Tube Wiring Safety Report

Planning Department  
Building and Safety

- Attics with knob-and-tube wiring may not be insulated, unless certain conditions are met, the first being a certification letter from a licensed electrical contractor (see back). Attic insulation requires a permit, except for point-of-sale RECO compliance.
- This form must be completely filled out and signed with copies posted in the attic prior to inspection. The original shall be provided to the Building Inspector at final inspection. For RECO point-of-sale, file the original document with the RECO Form A after the RECO inspection has been completed.
- Warning signs indicating the presence of knob-and-tube wiring shall be posted in English and Spanish at all accesses to the attic where knob-and-tube wiring is concealed by insulation prior to inspection.

Property Owner Name	Date
Property Address	Berkeley, CA
Unit Number	Zip

- I certify that the existing knob-and-tube wiring is in good condition with no evidence of deterioration and with proper over-current protection and no improper connections or splices.
- The knob-and-tube wiring is not in good condition and may not be covered without repair or rewiring.
- The knob-and-tube wiring is disconnected and is not live or has been removed.

Signature of Certifying Electrician			
Name of Certifying Electrician	License Number		
Company Name			
Address	City	State	Zip

**2010 California Electrical Code chapter 394.12 (Exception .5)**

**Uses Not Permitted**

Concealed knob-and-tube shall not be used in the following:

Hollow spaces of walls, ceilings and attics where such spaces are insulated by loose, rolled or foamed –in-place insulating material that envelopes the conductors.

**Exception for residential (HCD 1)** *This article is not intended to prohibit the installation of insulation where knob-and-tube is present, provided the following are complied with:*

- 1) *The wiring shall be surveyed by an electrical contractor licensed by the state of California. Certification shall be provided by the electrical contractor that the existing wiring is in good condition with no evidence of deterioration or improper over-current protection and no improper connections or splices. Repairs, alterations or extensions to the electrical system will require permits and inspections by the authority having jurisdiction for the enforcement of this code.*
- 2) *The certification form shall be filed with the authority having jurisdiction for the enforcement of this code and a copy furnished to the property owner*
- 3) *All accessible areas in the building where insulation has been installed around knob-and-tube and shall be posted by the insulation contractor with a notice, clearly visible, stating that caution is required when entering these areas. The notice shall be printed in both English and Spanish.*
- 4) *The insulation shall be noncombustible as defined in Title 24 Part 2, California Building Code.*
- 5) *The insulation shall not have any electrical conductive material as part of or supporting the insulation material.*
- 6) *Nothing in this exception will prohibit the authority having jurisdiction for the enforcement of this code from requiring permits and inspections for the installations of thermal insulation.*

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**WARNING: Knob and Tube Wiring.**

**Use Caution When Entering Attic**

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**Tener Mucho Cuidado a Entrar al Áttico**