

NEW SAFETY LAW

IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



Carbon Monoxide poisoning is the leading cause of accidental poisoning in the United States according to the American Medical Association.

First Alert

New Construction

Effective January 1, 2011:

- All newly constructed dwelling and sleeping units with fuel-burning appliances or attached garages must install carbon monoxide alarms.
- CO alarms must be installed outside of each sleeping area and in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom(s). This includes every level of a dwelling including the basement.
- CO alarms must be hardwired with battery backup.
- When more than one alarm is installed they must be interconnected so that activation of one alarm activates all of the alarms in the individual unit.**

**Please contact your local building code official for more information on requirements for interconnection of alarms.

Existing Construction

Effective July 1, 2011:

- All existing single-family homes that contain a fossil fuel burning heater or appliance, fireplace, or an attached garage must install carbon monoxide alarms.
- CO alarms must be installed outside of sleeping areas and on every level of a dwelling, including the basement.
- CO alarms must be either battery-powered or plug-in with battery backup.

All other existing dwellings (multi-family) shall comply by January 1, 2013.

If your CO Alarm Sounds:

Silence the alarm & call your emergency services, fire department or 911.
Move everyone outdoors or to an open window immediately.

Do not move away from the fresh-air until emergency responders have arrived, the premises has been aired out and your CO alarm remains in its normal condition.



These First Alert alarms are compliant with California Law:



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