

# It's the law in California!

The new law protects families  
from the *Silent Killer*.

California law now requires  
new and existing homes to  
have carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.



## Summary

### NEW CONSTRUCTION

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011

#### • Impacted Dwellings:

**RESIDENTIAL** (*CA Residential Code, 2010*)

All newly constructed detached one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses not more than three stories in height that contain fuel burning appliances or an attached garage. Also, when such an existing dwelling requires a permit for alterations, repairs or additions exceeding \$1,000.

**COMMERCIAL** (*CA Building Code, 2010*)

(I-1) Group homes, assisted living facilities housing more than 16 persons in a supervised environment who are capable of responding to an emergency.  
(R-1) Hotels, boarding houses, etc.  
(R-2) Apartments, dorms, etc.  
(R-3) Adult and child day care facilities, etc.

#### • Approved Alarms:

Must be hardwired with battery backup and interconnected. Existing dwellings with alterations may be solely battery operated IF alterations do not result in the removal of drywall or ceilings finishes or there is no access by means of attic, basement, or crawlspace. Must comply with UL 2034 and be approved and listed by the CA State Fire Marshal.

#### • Installation:

CO alarms must be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity and on every level of the dwelling (including basements).  
*(R-1 facilities only—alarm must be installed on the ceiling of sleeping units with permanently installed fuel-burning appliances.)*

### EXISTING CONSTRUCTION

EFFECTIVE DATES:

July 1, 2011 *Existing Single-Family Dwellings*  
Jan. 1, 2013 *Existing Multi-Family Dwellings*

#### • Impacted Dwellings:

Any single-family dwelling, duplex, lodging house, private dormitory, hotel, motel, condo, time-share or multiple unit dwelling that contains a fossil-fuel burning heater, appliance, fireplace or attached garage.

#### • Approved Alarms:

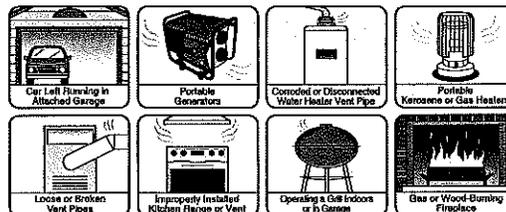
May be battery operated, plug-in with battery backup, or hardwired with battery backup. Must comply with UL 2034 and be approved and listed by the CA State Fire Marshal.

#### • Installation:

CO alarms must be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity and on every level of the dwelling.

(SB 183, CH #19, 2010)

### POTENTIAL SOURCES OF CO POISONING



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