

NEW CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM RULES FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

These rules establish a minimum for the installation and maintenance of carbon monoxide alarms in buildings accommodating residential type occupancies where people sleep or lodge, excluding hospitals and nursing homes.

These rules apply to the following projects:

Tourist rooming houses: See Comm. 21.095. (rental and time-share cabins)

Buildings with 3 or more dwelling or sleeping units: See Comm. 62.1200.

NEW BUILDINGS

Any buildings submitted for review on or after October 1, 2008

- Require installation of carbon monoxide alarms in buildings that contain any type of fuel-burning appliances.
- Require the carbon monoxide alarms to be continuously powered by the building's electrical service with battery backups

EXISTING BUILDINGS

Any building existing on October 1, 2008 or first reviewed prior to October 1, 2008

Tourist rooming houses:

- Require the installation of carbon monoxide alarms by April 1, 2010

Buildings with 3 or more dwelling or sleeping units:

- Require the installation of carbon monoxide alarms by April 1, 2010
- Are not required to be continuously powered by the building's electrical service with a battery backup, thereby allowing batteries, electrical outlet plug-ins, or being wired to the building's electrical service.
- Carbon monoxide alarms may be omitted provided there are no attached garages and all of the fuel burning appliances are of sealed combustion type either under warranty or annually inspected for carbon monoxide emissions.

The rules require carbon monoxide alarms to be listed and labeled identifying conformance to UL 2034, Underwriters Laboratories Inc., Standard for Safety Single and Multiple Station Carbon Monoxide Alarms.

Under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the federal Fair Housing Law certain carbon monoxide alarms may be required to have both audible and visual alarm features.

See the appropriate Department of Commerce code sections for specifics on installation and maintenance requirements.