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CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS NOW REQUIRED

RSA 153:10-a

Please be advised that on January 1, 2010, New Hampshire Law changed to require **Carbon Monoxide Detectors** in the following buildings:

- All new single family homes
- All single family homes substantially renovated. Substantially renovated means "any renovation valued at an amount greater than half the assessed valuation of the building or dwelling."
- All multi-family dwellings
- All residential rental units, which includes any residential unit in a building or single family dwelling which provides permanent or transient living facilities for one or more persons, which is occupied by tenants on a rental basis. This term shall include but not be limited to: hotels, motels, dormitories, apartments, duplex units, rooms rented out of the home of another, & single family dwellings, so long as they are rented.

Owners of existing multi-unit dwellings & rental units shall have until July 1, 2013 to comply with the provisions of RSA 153:10-a relative to carbon monoxide detection & warning equipment. New construction & renovations must comply immediately.

CO detectors must meet the following requirements:

- Hardwired (electrically operated) with integral battery backup. In existing buildings CMD's may be plug in type devices, powered by the building ac current, and shall have a battery as a secondary power source. **HARD WIRED CMD'S ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
- Two or more CO detectors installed in a dwelling unit must be interconnected. Interconnection is not required in a retrofit of an existing building but is **HIGH RECOMMENDED**
- Outside each separate dwelling unit sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms
- On every level of the dwelling unit including basements, but not including crawl spaces or unfinished attics
- Detectors may be located on a wall or ceiling in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions

CO detectors are not a substitute for required smoke detectors. Combination Smoke / CO devices are permitted provided that they meet the requirements of UL 217 & UL2034. Interconnected & combination devices must be compatible with all of the other devices connected to that system/circuit.*Please note: Some combination devices utilize ionization type smoke detection. If photo- electric type detection is required then an ionization combination detector may not be code compliant.

The owner of a single-family dwelling, multi-unit dwelling and/or rental unit shall be responsible for maintaining all Carbon Monoxide Alarms or Detectors in good working order. No person, tenant or occupant of a multi-unit dwelling and/or rental unit shall remove any battery from a carbon monoxide alarm or detector, disconnect the primary power to a carbon monoxide alarm or detector, or tamper with or otherwise render inoperable any carbon monoxide alarm or detector. This handout is intended as a general guide and is not all-inclusive. All Electrical work shall be done by a Licensed State of NH Electrician. It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you contact the Jaffrey Fire Chief and the Jaffrey Building Inspector prior to any installation and schedule a walk-through of your building to insure that the required devices are being installed in the required locations.

EVERYONE GOES HOME