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QUICK FACTS ABOUT CARBON MONOXIDE AND OREGON'S NEW LAW

The 2009 Oregon Legislature passed [HB 3450](#), the Lofgren and Zander Memorial Act, requiring the installation of carbon monoxide alarms in specific residential applications with a carbon monoxide source. The purpose of the bill is to reduce deaths and poisonings from carbon monoxide. The Office of State Fire Marshal is in the process of working with partners and stakeholders to develop rules for minimum standards for carbon monoxide alarms in one and two family dwellings and multifamily housing. Before the rules take effect, every effort will be made to educate Oregonians about the requirements of the bill and installing carbon monoxide alarms.

IMPLEMENTATION DATES

JULY 1, 2010 – Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Administrative Rules effective date.

JULY 1, 2010 – When a landlord enters into a rental agreement creating a new tenancy in a dwelling unit that contains a carbon monoxide source or that is within a structure that contains a carbon monoxide source, the landlord must ensure the dwelling unit contains one or more properly functioning carbon monoxide alarms at the time the tenant takes possession of the dwelling unit. The landlord must provide a new tenant with alarm testing instructions. If the alarm is battery operated or has a battery backup system the landlord must supply working batteries for the alarm at the beginning of the new tenancy.

APRIL 1, 2011 – All rental dwelling units that have a carbon monoxide source or are located within a structure having a carbon monoxide source are required to have a carbon monoxide alarm.

APRIL 1, 2011 – When conveying fee title or transferring possession under a land sale contract of a one and two family dwelling or multifamily housing that contains a carbon monoxide source, the dwelling or housing must have one or more properly functioning carbon monoxide alarms installed in locations that provide carbon monoxide detection for all sleeping areas.

APRIL 1, 2011 – Carbon monoxide alarms are required in new construction or a structure that undergoes reconstruction, alteration or repair for which a building permit is required, and is identified in the structural specialty code as a residential Group R structure.

You may find House Bill 3450, relating to carbon monoxide, at:

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/measpdf/hb3400.dir/hb3450.en.pdf>

You may find more information on carbon monoxide at:

http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/CommEd_CO_Program.shtml#Carbon_Monoxide_Questions_Answers

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