



# Silver Creek Fire Department

## Carbon Monoxide Alarm Law



### INSTALL CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- **IN EVERY HOME**
- **ON EVERY LEVEL**
- **NEAR SLEEPING AREAS**



Wisconsin's new carbon monoxide (CO) law will help ensure safe homes with the presence of CO alarms. But FIRE and CARBON MONOXIDE PREVENTION starts with education about this new law.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- All single family and two-unit homes – new and existing – must install a CO alarm on every floor level, near sleeping areas.
- New construction must be hard-wired with a battery back-up.
- Existing homes may install any type of CO alarms; battery, plug-in, or combination smoke/CO devices.
- A carbon monoxide detector required under this section shall bear an Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., listing mark.
- The law takes effect February 1, 2011.
- Alarms should be installed in accordance with directions from manufacturer.

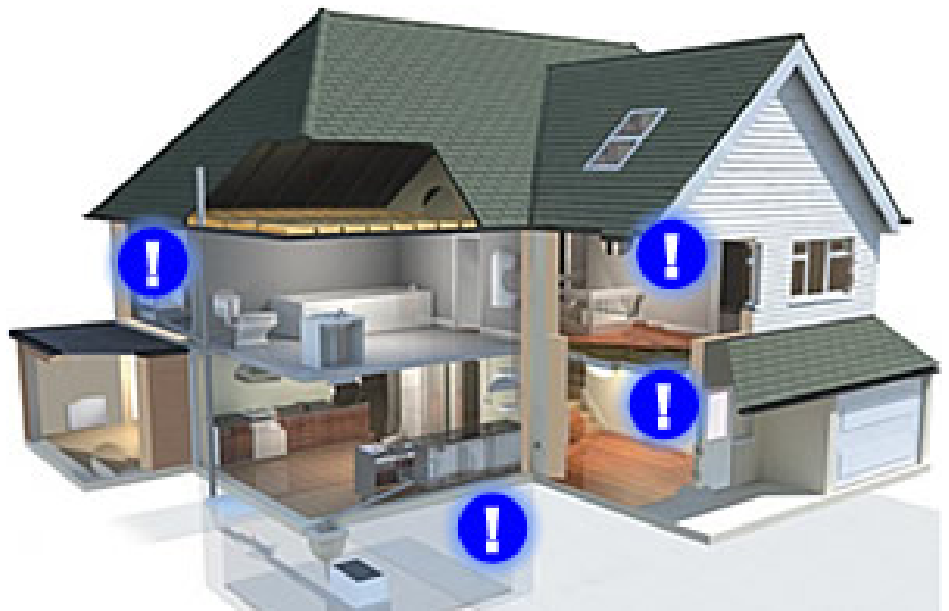


### EXCEPTIONS

- CO alarms are only required in new and existing homes that have any fuel burning appliance, which includes: stoves, ovens, grills, clothes dryers, furnaces, boilers, water heaters, fireplaces and heaters OR an attached garage.
- Alarms do not need to be installed in the attic, garage or storage area of homes.

### MAINTENANCE

- Test alarms monthly.
- Replace alarms according to manufacturer instructions.
- Check batteries and replace twice a year.
- Alarms should never be disconnected or unplugged.
- Batteries should never be removed for other uses.



This information based on Wisconsin Act 158 and Wisconsin Department of Commerce Rules