



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

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To All Interested Individuals:

Recently, the Florida Legislature passed new statutory requirements for the installation of carbon monoxide detectors/alarms in all new construction. Florida Statute 553.885 and Rule 9B-3.0472 Florida Administrative Code mandates that every building for which a building permit is issued for new construction on or after July 1, 2008 and having a fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage shall have an approved operational carbon monoxide alarm installed within 10 feet of each room used for sleeping purposes. The carbon monoxide detectors installed as a result of this statute shall be listed or labeled as being in compliance with ANSI/UL 2034-96 or UL 2075-04 and shall receive their primary power from the building wiring when the building wiring is served from the local power utility. A battery back-up power supply is also required. This new mandate is in addition to the requirements already in place for smoke detectors required by the Florida Building Codes.

Please do not hesitate to contact our offices (City of Tallahassee at 891-7050 or Leon County at 606-1300) should you have any questions regarding this issue. We remain:

Your Public Servants,

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Glenn Dodson
Deputy Building Official,
City of Tallahassee

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Leon County

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