

# NEW SAFETY LAW

## IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



**Carbon Monoxide poisoning is the leading cause of accidental poisoning in the United States according to the American Medical Association.**

**First Alert®**

### New Construction

#### Effective January 1, 2011:

- All newly constructed dwelling and sleeping units with fuel-burning appliances or attached garages must install carbon monoxide alarms.
- CO alarms must be installed outside of each sleeping area and in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom(s). This includes every level of a dwelling including the basement.
- CO alarms must be hardwired with battery backup.
- When more than one alarm is installed they must be interconnected so that activation of one alarm activates all of the alarms in the individual unit.\*\*

\*\*Please contact your local building code official for more information on requirements for interconnection of alarms.

### Existing Construction

#### Effective July 1, 2011:

- All existing single-family homes that contain a fossil fuel burning heater or appliance, fireplace, or an attached garage must install carbon monoxide alarms.
- CO alarms must be installed outside of sleeping areas and on every level of a dwelling, including the basement.
- CO alarms must be either battery-powered or plug-in with battery backup.

*All other existing dwellings (multi-family) shall comply by January 1, 2013.*

### If your CO Alarm Sounds:

Silence the alarm & call your emergency services, fire department or 911.

Move everyone outdoors or to an open window immediately.

Do not move away from the fresh-air until emergency responders have arrived, the premises has been aired out and your CO alarm remains in its normal condition.



### These First Alert alarms are compliant with California Law:



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