

## ILLINOIS CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ACT

Effective January 1, 2007, Illinois requires carbon monoxide detectors in all residences. The law is found at 430 ILCS 135/1 - "the Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act."

Every dwelling shall be equipped with at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. It is the responsibility of the owner of a structure to supply and install all required alarms.

The carbon monoxide alarms required under the Act may be either battery powered, plug-in with battery back-up, or wired into the structure's AC power line with secondary battery backup. The alarm may be combined with a smoke detector provided that the combined unit emits an alarm in a manner that clearly differentiates the hazard.

Willful failure to install or maintain in operating condition any carbon monoxide alarm required by this Act is a Class B misdemeanor.

The following residential units shall not require carbon monoxide detectors:

1. A residential unit in a building that meets all 3 of the following requirements:
  - i. does not rely on combustion of fossil fuel for heat, ventilation, or hot water; AND
  - ii. is not connected in any way to a garage; AND
  - iii. is not sufficiently close to any ventilated source of carbon monoxide, as determined by the local building commissioner, to receive carbon monoxide from that source.

OR

2. A residential unit that is not sufficiently close to any source of carbon monoxide so as to be at risk of receiving carbon monoxide from that source, as determined by the local building commissioner.