



# Office of Fire Prevention and Control

Bureau of Fire Prevention

## Campus Fire Safety Bulletin

### New Carbon Monoxide Alarm Law

Carbon monoxide is a silent killer - you cannot see it, smell it or taste it. The ONLY safe way to detect it is with a carbon monoxide alarm.

February 22, 2010, a new law went into effect in New York State to help protect against carbon monoxide poisoning.

The new law requires the following:

- CO alarms must be installed in all new and existing one- and two-family dwellings and multifamily dwellings (residence halls) having a fuel-burning appliance, system or attached garage.
- The recently adopted 2010 edition of the *Fire Code of New York State* contains specific information on installation of alarms. Supplemental criteria has also be adopted in 19 NYCCR 1225.
- CO alarms must be listed to comply with UL 2034 or CSA 6.19 and installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions



CO is produced anytime a fuel is burned. Potential sources include gas or oil furnaces, water heaters, space heaters, clothes dryers, barbecue grills, fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, gas ovens, generators, and car exhaust fumes.

For additional information and materials related to carbon monoxide safety please visit the OFPC website: [www.dos.state.ny.us/fire](http://www.dos.state.ny.us/fire)

Remember, CO doesn't discriminate between faculty, staff or student. It will quietly poison anyone.



§F611.1 General. This section covers the application, installation, performance and maintenance of carbon monoxide alarms and their components in new and existing buildings and structures.

### Will you be protected against this silent killer?

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