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# News Release

## Carbon Monoxide Detector Law Begins July 1



**M**any western states passed legislation in recent sessions requiring carbon monoxide detectors in residential properties. Colorado's governor, Bill Ritter, signed his state's version, HB 09-1091, on March 24. Other states that passed similar laws include Oregon and Montana.

The Colorado law will begin to be implemented July 1, 2009 and will affect virtually all residential property. Any single family property that is sold or transferred and contains a fuel burning appliance within its structure will require a detector within 15 feet of the entrance to sleeping rooms.

When permits are required for work to be done on residential properties, inspectors will be checking for compliance as well. Rental units are also affected by the new law as they will be required to have properly operating detectors anytime there is a change in tenancy.

Bob Dwyer, Director of Training for COSA (Carbon Monoxide Safety Association), says, "This is a good first step in the right direction with more ground to cover to insure the safety of building occupants."

The levels that alarms are required to comply with are laid out in the UL 2034 listing, which is at the low end of exposure 70 PPM up to 149 PPM for between 60 and 240 minutes. Below this level, carbon monoxide can be contributing to symptoms displayed by chronically ill residents without them knowing there is a problem in their home that may be adding to the discomfort. *Source: Jeff Polk, Managing Editor of the HVAC Mountain West Pro News - June, 2009*

Carbon monoxide poisoning is often confused with "flu like symptoms" such as headache, nausea, dizziness. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends a detector on each floor of a residence. At a minimum, a single detector should be placed on each sleeping floor with an additional detector in the area of any major gas burning appliances such as a furnace or water heater. Installation in these areas ensures rapid detection of any potentially malfunctioning appliances and the ability to hear the alarm from all sleeping areas.

**Northern Colorado Air** now offers the **Kidde Gas and Carbon Monoxide Alarm with Nighthawk Technology**, the world's most accurate carbon monoxide alarm. This **alarm detects explosive gas, propane, natural gas and Carbon monoxide**. This Carbon Monoxide Alarm offers **large digital display** allowing easy viewing of carbon monoxide and gas levels. Its **9V battery back up** provides you and your family protection even during power outages. The detector also features a hide-a-way cord that allows for **multiple installation possibilities**.

Consult **Northern Colorado Air** experts, 812 Stockton Avenue in Fort Collins, for more information about the law, the latest technology and proper placement of your detector within a given area.

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