

TITLE 12. BUILDING AND MATERIAL CODES; OTHER SAFETY PROVISIONS

Subtitle 11. Carbon Monoxide Alarms.

12-1101. Definitions.

- (a) *In general.*- In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) *Carbon monoxide alarm.*- "Carbon monoxide alarm" means a device that:
- (1) senses carbon monoxide;
 - (2) when sensing carbon monoxide, is capable of emitting a distinct and audible sound;
 - (3) is listed and carries the listing of a nationally recognized testing laboratory approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal; and
 - (4) is wired into an alternating current (AC) powerline with secondary battery backup.
- (c) *Dwelling.*-
- (1) "Dwelling" means a building or part of a building that provides living or sleeping facilities for one or more individuals.
 - (2) "Dwelling" includes a one or two family dwelling, multifamily dwelling, hotel, motel, or dormitory.
- (d) *Install.*- "Install" means to attach to the wall or ceiling of a dwelling in accordance with:
- (1) the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 720 standard for the installation of carbon monoxide warning equipment in dwelling units; and
 - (2) the manufacturer's recommendations.

12-1102. Scope.

This subtitle only applies to a dwelling that:

- (1) relies on the combustion of a fossil fuel for heat, ventilation, hot water, or clothes dryer operation; and
- (2) is a newly constructed dwelling for which a building permit is issued on or after January 1, 2008.

12-1103. Combination of carbon monoxide and smoke alarms.

A carbon monoxide alarm may be combined with a smoke alarm if the combined device complies with:

- (1) this subtitle;
- (2) Title 9 of this article; and
- (3) Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards 217 and 2034.

12-1104. Installation of alarms.

(a) *Areas.*- There must be a carbon monoxide alarm installed in a central location outside of each sleeping area within a dwelling subject to this subtitle.

(b) *Installation of alarm near carbon monoxide producing equipment.*- Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, if there is a centralized alarm system that is capable of emitting a distinct and audible sound to warn all occupants, the owner of a dwelling may install a carbon monoxide alarm within 25 feet of any carbon monoxide-producing fixture and equipment.

12-1105. Rendering alarm inoperable prohibited.

Except as part of routine maintenance, a person may not render a carbon monoxide alarm inoperable.

12-1106. More stringent local laws allowed.

This subtitle does not prevent a county or municipal corporation from enacting more stringent laws that relate to carbon monoxide alarms.

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