

## **Attention Bossier Parish Section 8 Landlords**

HUD has issued a directive that all federally assisted units must have a working Carbon Monoxide Alarm or Carbon Monoxide Detector installed by December 27, 2022.

**This applies to all units that have gas utilities. (Gas stove, gas heat, or gas hot water heater, etc.)**

**This also applies to units that have an attached garage or wood burning fireplace.**

### **Alarm vs. Detector**

**Carbon Monoxide Alarm** A single or multiple station alarm intended to detect carbon monoxide gas and alert occupants by a distinct audible signal. It incorporates a sensor, control components and an alarm notification appliance in a single unit.

**Carbon Monoxide Detector** A device with an integral sensor to detect carbon monoxide gas and transmit an alarm signal to a connected alarm control unit.

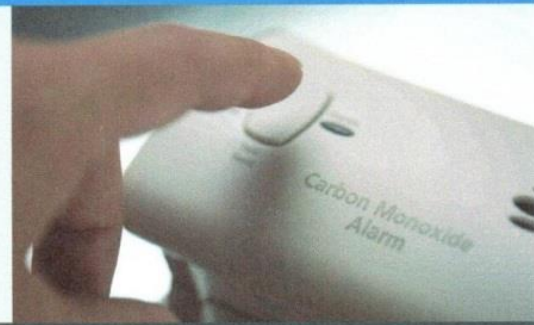
You may install Battery Operated, AC Plug-in or AC Hardwired Alarms or Detectors with battery backup. These can be purchased at Lowe's, Home Depot, Amazon Prime, Walmart, etc., beginning at \$13.39.

**The law goes into effect December 27,2022, so any inspections after that date, we will inspect for a Carbon Monoxide Alarm or Detector.**

### **How should I install a CO Alarm?**

CO alarms should be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends that one CO alarm be installed in the hallway outside the bedrooms in each separate sleeping area of the home. Each floor level must have a CO alarm. CO alarms may be installed into a plug-in receptacle or high on the wall. Hard wired or plug-in CO alarms should have battery backup. Avoid locations that are near heating vents or that can be covered by furniture or draperies. CPSC does not recommend installing CO alarms in kitchens or above fuel-burning appliances.

# Carbon Monoxide Safety



Did you know?

**More than 150 people in the U.S. die every year from accidental nonfire-related carbon monoxide poisoning.**

Carbon monoxide or CO is a colorless and odorless gas. CO poisoning can occur when a fuel-burning appliance or machine, such as a furnace, heater or generator, is not working or vented properly. Breathing in CO at high levels can be fatal.

Learn what you can do to protect your family from the dangers of CO.

- ✓ Install and maintain CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of CO.
- ✓ Install CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- ✓ Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents.
- ✓ Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.

For more information and free resources, visit

**[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov)**

