

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

The State of Illinois Public Act 094-0741 requires a carbon monoxide detector be installed within 15 feet of all sleeping rooms of all dwelling units. This act becomes effective on January 1, 2007.

It applies to any dwelling unit or any room or suite used for habitation with a sleeping room. A detector has to be installed within 15 feet of each sleeping room. This may require multiple detectors for your home or apartment.

This applies to single-family homes, duplexes, townhouses, apartments, hotels and motels.

There are various types of detectors that can be used:

1. Battery powered
2. Plug in with battery backup
3. Direct-wired in the building electric system with battery back up.

There are some combination smoke detectors that may be used. If you are going to utilize this type consult the product literature or manufacturer for compatibility with your existing detectors. This requires a different alarm tone for smoke detection and carbon monoxide detection.

The homeowner is responsible for the installation of the detector. If you own or occupy a rental unit, the installation is the landlord's responsibility.

If you are going to hardwire the detector, a building permit may be required. Consult the building department for the requirements.

This act requires the detector be in place by January 1, 2007. There are penalties in the act for noncompliance. A copy of the act is available at www.ilga.gov.