

PROTECTING YOURSELF

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act



As of July 1, 2011 the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act (Senate Bill - SB 183) requires homeowners of all single-family homes with an attached garage or a fossil fuel source to install carbon monoxide detectors within the home by July 1, 2011. Owners of multi-family leased or rental dwellings, such as apartment buildings, had until January 1, 2013 to comply with the law.

If you are Buying a Home, or Refinancing Your Home Loan, your lender will require you to get an appraisal. To comply with California Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act SB-183, all appraisals will need to reference that there is a working carbon monoxide detector in the home.

The California Air Resources Board says an average of 30 to 40 “avoidable deaths” occur in California each year because of unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning. With Carbon Monoxide devices, these deaths can be prevented.

For additional information, contact your local enforcing agencies, such as local building and fire departments. Regulation information is available on the California Department of Housing and Community Development website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/>.

Information on the hazards of carbon monoxide is available from the California Department of Public Health website at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/DEFAULT.aspx>.