INSTALL CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

IN EVERY HOME
ON EVERY LEVEL
NEAR SLEEPING AREAS

Wisconsin's new carbon monoxide (CO) law will help ensure safe homes with the presence of CO alarms.
But FIRE and CARBON MONOXIDE PREVENTION starts with education about this new law.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- ✓ All single family and two-unit homes – new and existing – must install a CO alarm on every floor level, near sleeping areas.
- ✓ New construction must be hard-wired with a battery back-up.
- ✓ Existing homes may install any type of CO alarms; battery, plug-in, or combination smoke/CO devices.
- ✓ A carbon monoxide detector required under this section shall bear an Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., listing mark.
- ✓ The law takes effect February 1, 2011.
- ✓ Alarms should be installed in accordance with directions from manufacturer.

EXCEPTIONS

- ✓ CO alarms are only required in new and existing homes that have any fuel burning appliance, which includes: stoves, ovens, grills, clothes dryers, furnaces, boilers, water heaters, fireplaces and heaters OR an attached garage.
- ✓ Alarms do not need to be installed in the attic, garage or storage area of homes.

MAINTENANCE

- ✓ Test alarms monthly.
- ✓ Replace alarms according to manufacturer instructions.
- ✓ Check batteries and replace twice a year.
- ✓ Alarms should never be disconnected or unplugged.
- ✓ Batteries should never be removed for other uses.

This information based on Wisconsin Act 158 and Wisconsin Department of Commerce Rules