

Carbon Monoxide Detectors Required in California Houses & Dwelling Units

California Senate Bill 183

Address: _____

Carbon monoxide is a gas produced whenever any fuel, such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal, is burned. A person can't see or smell carbon monoxide.

The California Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2010 is now law requiring carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in every "dwelling unit intended for human occupancy."

A carbon monoxide detector is a device similar to a smoke detector that signals detection of carbon monoxide in the air.

Landlords have special obligations regarding carbon monoxide detectors:

1. All landlords of dwelling units must install carbon monoxide detectors.
2. Landlords in California have authority to enter the dwelling unit for purpose of installing carbon monoxide devices "pursuant to the authority and requirements of Section 1954 of the Civil Code (entry by landlord)."
3. The detection device must be operable at the time that a tenant takes possession.
4. The tenant has responsibility of notifying the owner or owner's agent if the tenant becomes aware of an inoperable or deficient carbon monoxide device. However, the landlord is not in violation of this law for a deficient or inoperable carbon monoxide device if he/she has not received notice of the problem from the tenant. (CA Health & Safety Code 17926.1.)

Carbon monoxide detector has been installed at the following address:

Carbon monoxide detector installed date: _____

Tenant(s) _____

(Signature)

(Date)

(Please Print Name)

Owner _____

(Signature)

(Date)

(Please Print Name)