

Memorandum

To: Rental Property Owners
From: Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Fire Prevention
Date: 3/9/2010
Re: Carbon Monoxide Detection Devices

RSA 153:10-a Fire Protection and Warning Devices in Multi-Family Dwellings has changed effective January 1, 2010. Requirements are now in place for Carbon Monoxide detection (CMD) and must be installed as indicated below:

- Each unit contained in a multi-unit dwelling.
- Each single family dwelling newly constructed or substantially rehabilitated after January 1, 2010.
- Every rental unit.

Locations:

NFPA 720, Standard for the Installation of Carbon Monoxide Detection and Warning Equipment and The International Residential Code address the location of carbon monoxide detectors. Detectors should be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate area of the bedrooms.

Compliance Dates:

RSA 153:10-a is effective January 1, 2010 for new construction. For existing construction there is a two-year phase in process for implementation. Existing construction carbon monoxide detectors should be installed by December 31, 2011.

Power for CMD's:

In new construction or substantially rehabilitated buildings, the CMD's shall be hard wired to a branch circuit and shall have a battery as a secondary power source.

In existing buildings CMD's shall be plug in type devices, powered by the building AC current, and shall have a battery as a secondary power source.

If you have any questions please contact Captain Bradley Ober at 286-4781.