

HOUSE BILL 09-1091. Concerning a requirement that carbon monoxide alarms be installed in residential properties.

On or after July 1, 2009, each single-family dwelling, townhouse or dwelling unit of a multi-family dwelling that has a fuel-fired heater or appliance, a fireplace, or an attached garage that is offered for sale or where work is being done that requires a building permit, including: interior alterations, repairs, fuel-fired appliance replacements, additions, or where one or more rooms lawfully used for sleeping purposes are added, shall have an operational carbon monoxide alarm installed within fifteen feet of the entrance to each room lawfully used for sleeping purposes or in a location as specified in any building code adopted by the state or any local government entity.

(The following are code sections from the 2009 International Residential Code pertaining to carbon monoxide alarms.)

2009 IRC Section R315 carbon monoxide alarms

R315.1 Carbon monoxide alarms. For new construction, an approved carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms in dwelling units within which fuel-fired appliances are installed and in dwelling units that have attached garages.

R315.2 Where required in existing dwellings. Where work requiring a permit occurs in existing dwellings that have attached garages or in existing dwellings within which fuel-fired appliances exist, carbon monoxide alarms shall be provided in accordance with Section R315.1.

R315.3 Alarm requirements. Single station carbon monoxide alarms shall be listed as complying with UL 2034 and shall be installed in accordance with this code and the manufacturer's installation instructions.