



## **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***