



## **Did you know Oregon passed a law as of April 1, 2011?**

Landlords must provide carbon monoxide alarms for all rental dwellings with or within structures containing carbon monoxide sources.

What is carbon monoxide? It is an invisible, odorless, poisonous gas created when fuels do not burn completely. It comes from heaters, fireplaces, furnaces, and cooking sources using coal, wood, gas, and garages with cars in them.

Carbon monoxide is harmful because it displaces oxygen in the blood and deprives vital organs of life giving oxygen. Those most at risk are the elderly, infants, and people with heart disease and respiratory problems.

Install a carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home with sleeping areas and within 15 feet of each sleeping area. Improper installation can affect the detector, so do not install in garages, kitchens, in direct sunlight, or near humid bathrooms. Carbon monoxide does not rise, it stays low to the ground. Please be sure to install it at the correct level in your home.

Replace your carbon monoxide detector at the manufacturer's recommendation of 5 years from date of production.

Test your detector monthly, use canned air to clean, and never remove batteries.

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