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Notice of Adoption of Emergency Rule Regarding Carbon Monoxide Alarms in Commercial Buildings.  
Effective Date: June 27, 2015

Commercial Property Owner/Business Owner:

As carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless gas, detecting devices are crucial in identifying its presence. Effective immediately, the NYS Law requires the installation of carbon monoxide detecting devices in every commercial building.


All commercial buildings currently under construction must comply with this law in order to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy or Compliance.

Guidelines:

- CO Alarms must be hard wired into the electrical system with battery back up;
- CO Alarms shall be interconnected;
- CO Alarms & detection systems shall annunciate using a temporal 4 pattern;
- CO Alarms & detection systems shall not set off the fire alarm;
- If the fire alarm reports to central station, then the CO detection system must report to central station;
- CO Alarms shall be UL 2034 Listed; CO detectors shall be UL 2075 Listed;
- NFPA 720 does permit a separate CO detection system, provided the systems do not generate conflicting notifications (NFPA 720 Section 5.2.3)
- The installation of a CO detection system will require a Fire Alarm permit from the Fire Marshal's office:
  - Modification permit – up to 5 devices;
  - Installation permit – more than 5 devices;
  - Applications available at: [www.townofriverheadny.gov](http://www.townofriverheadny.gov)
  - Basic floor plan drawings showing the location of devices. Stamped plans are not necessary.
  - Cut sheets of devices being installed.

Contact this office for additional information and requirements regarding the installation of carbon monoxide alarms and detection systems under the new NYS Carbon Monoxide law.

Sincerely,



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Chief Fire Marshal