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| Carbon Monoxide Detector Information | ahfc_logo_large.jpg |
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Effective May 1, 2005 AHFC Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspectors required operable carbon monoxide (CO) detectors as prescribed by Alaska Statute 18.70.095. AHFC uses the requirements contained in Alaska Statute, not local codes, as its guide for whether a unit passes or fails the inspection. Direct questions concerning State of Alaska carbon monoxide alarm requirements to the State Fire Marshall's Office, Alaska Department of Public Safety, web page at: [www.dps.state.ak.us/fire](http://www.dps.state.ak.us/fire).

The Municipality of Anchorage has stringent requirements. Anchorage landlords are encouraged to comply with those requirements. For questions about Anchorage carbon monoxide alarm requirements, see: [http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/  
legislation/2004%20Ordinances/ao2004-064.pdf](http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/legislation/2004%20Ordinances/ao2004-064.pdf).

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| Who is responsible for the CO detector? | | | |
| Owner Responsibilities   * The alarm should be installed and maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendations * After notification of any malfunctions by the tenant, the owner is responsible for repair or replacement |  |  | Tenant Responsibilities   * The tenant must keep the devices in working condition by keeping charged batteries in battery-operated devices and by testing the device periodically * Disabling a CO detector is a violation of the tenant’s HQS responsibilities |

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| Which units require CO detectors? |
| * A unit that contains a carbon-based fuel appliance or a device that produces by-products of combustion * A unit serviced by a forced air heating system that uses carbon-based fuel * A unit that is adjacent to a hot water baseboard (hydronic) heating system that uses carbon-based fuel * A unit that has an attached garage or carport * A unit adjacent to a parking space (within 10 feet) |

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| What type of appliance or device produces by-products of combustion? |
| * Gas, propane, wood, charcoal, or fuel oil: furnaces, boilers, water heaters, fireplaces, space heaters, stoves, ranges, ovens, stovetops, or dryers * Gas fireplace logs and unvented heaters * Cars, snowmobiles, 4-wheelers, motorcycles |

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| Where is the detector placed? |
| * Height is not an issue as carbon monoxide is roughly the same weight as air * Place it in a location in the unit where occupants hear it * Do not cover it with furniture or drapes |