



FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements



WHERE THIS ALARM SHOULD NOT BE INSTALLED

To avoid causing damage to the unit, to provide optimum protection, and to prevent unnecessary alarms, Do NOT locate this Alarm:

- In the kitchen, some gas appliances can emit a short burst of CO upon start-up. This is normal. If your CO Alarm is installed too close to these appliances, it may alarm often and become a nuisance
- * Keep units at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the sources of combustion particles (stove, furnace, water heater, space heater) if possible. In areas where a 20-foot (6m) distance is not possible - in modular, mobile, or smaller homes, for example – it is recommended the Alarm be placed as far from these fuel burning sources as possible. The placement recommendations are intended to keep these Alarms at a reasonable distance from a fuel-burning source, and thus reduce “unwanted” alarms. Unwanted alarms can occur if an Alarm is placed directly next to a fuel-burning source. Ventilate these areas as much as possible. If you must install the Alarm near a cooking or heating appliance, install at 5 feet (1.5 meters) from appliance
- * In extremely humid areas, This Alarm should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a shower, sauna, humidifier, vaporizer, dishwasher, laundry room, utility room, or other source of high humidity.
- * In direct sunlight.

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- * In turbulent air, like near ceiling fans or open windows. Blowing air may prevent CO from reaching the sensors.
- * In areas where temperature is colder than 40° F (4° C) or hotter than 100° F (38° C). These areas include non-air conditioned crawl spaces, uninsulated or poorly insulated, porches, and garage.
- * Less than 12 inches (305 mm) away from fluorescent lights. Electrical “noise” can interfere with the sensor.

AVOIDING DEAD AIR SPACES

“Dead air” spaces may prevent CO from reaching the Alarm. To avoid dead air spaces, stay at least 4” (102 mm) away from corners where walls or ceilings and walls meet.

They can be installed at heights recommended by the manufacturer. CO detectors do not have to be installed on or near the ceiling. To ensure proper operation, do not install CO detectors next to bathrooms, which are sources of humidity, or near gas stoves, gas dryers, etc. Detectors should not be placed in areas where they are likely to be damaged by children or pets.

Examples of Types of Permitted Carbon Monoxide Detectors

