

## **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

**The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino now requires carbon monoxide detectors in all units participating in the Housing Choice Voucher program.**

In order to more closely reflect California law (The Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2010), HACSB will now require carbon monoxide detection devices be installed as follows;

Any unit having a fossil fuel burning heater or appliance, fireplace, or an attached garage must have a carbon monoxide detection device installed. Placement of the device should be as follows;

- There must be one centrally located outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms, and each detector shall be located on the wall, ceiling. Any other location is only acceptable if specified in the installation instructions that accompany the device. If there are distinctly separate sleeping areas in the unit, there must be a detector for each sleeping area.
- There must be at least one Carbon Monoxide detector on each level of the unit.
- Carbon Monoxide detectors cannot be installed directly above, or next to a fuel burning appliance.
- If the device is a combination carbon monoxide device and smoke detector, then the combined device must emit an alarm or voice warning in a manner that clearly differentiates between a carbon monoxide alarm warning and a smoke detector warning.

Additional information about Carbon Monoxide detectors and their proper placement can be found at;

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/466.html>

<http://www.fdnntv.com/Carbon-Monoxide-Detector-Tips-CAL-FIRE-San-Diego>