

# Placement Of Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Proper placement of a carbon monoxide alarms is important. If you are installing only one carbon monoxide alarm, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends that it be located near the sleeping area, where it can wake you. In addition, adding a CO alarm on every level and near the garage (if attached to the house) is another level of protection.

When considering where to place a carbon monoxide alarm, keep in mind that although carbon monoxide is roughly the same weight as air, it is produced from incomplete combustion of heating, cooking appliances, and vehicles. Carbon Monoxide tends to rise with air due to the heat, but can be affected by the temperature.

Homeowners should remember not to install carbon monoxide alarms directly above or beside fuel-burning appliances since they can emit a small amount of carbon monoxide upon start-up. Always follow the manufacturer specified installation guidelines located on the package and/or unit itself.

In 2017, the State of New Jersey adopted a Statute requiring the installation of Carbon Monoxide alarms and/or alarms in all commercial occupancies that have fuel fired appliances or attached garages. Placement of Carbon Monoxide Alarms and/or alarms shall follow the applicable fire code.

Any questions for proper placement of Carbon Monoxide Alarms and/or alarms can be made by calling the Parsippany Division of Fire Prevention.