

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

For all building permits active as of July 1, 2009, Weld County Planning Services, Building Inspection Division, will be enforcing the "Lofgren and Johnson Families Carbon Monoxide Safety Act" (CRS 38-45). This is a new State law requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detectors.

For the aspect of enforcing the Building Codes, this law addresses both Single- and Multi- Family Dwellings for new construction, interior alterations, permitted repairs, fuel-fired appliance replacement and additions (of one or more rooms).

It states that approved carbon monoxide detectors need to be located within fifteen feet of the entrance to all rooms used lawfully for sleeping purposes. In addition, if the permit is for a multi-family rental unit, a carbon monoxide detector needs to be located within twenty-five feet of any fuel-fired heater, fuel-fired appliance, fireplace or garage.

If the electrical wiring is exposed, these detectors need to be hard wired with a battery backup to provide power. If this is impractical, then a plug mounted unit with a battery backup is acceptable.