

AMANDA'S LAW CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REQUIREMENTS TO GO INTO EFFECT FEBRUARY 22, 2010

As the result of recent legislation, Amanda's Law will go into effect on February 22, 2010. It requires essentially all residences, both new and existing, to have carbon monoxide alarms installed. The specific requirements differ for new and existing residences and also on when the buildings were built and subcategories of occupancy groups.

The flagship of OFPC's public awareness efforts relating to Amanda's Law is a new video Public Service Announcement developed through a public-private partnership with the Kidde Corporation.

OPFC has also established a "virtual toolbox" on its website, www.dhses.ny.gov/ofpc/resources/co-toolkit, designed to provide fire departments with information and materials so that they may join in on the campaign to raise public awareness of this important safety related law.

Probably the most asked question will be the requirement for existing one and two family residences. At a minimum, if there is a CO source in the home, then they will be required to have one carbon monoxide alarm installed on the lowest story having a sleeping area.

The proposal to modify the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, in order to comply with Amanda's Law, is in the process of being adopted as an emergency rule. The following link provides the proposed code text and a copy of the original Amanda's Law legislation.

<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/code/COAlarm.htm>



Distributed by the
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

OFFICE OF
**FIRE PREVENTION
& CONTROL**

phone 518.474.6746
fax 518.474.3240
email fire@dhSES.ny.gov