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Title XXXIII. Regulation of Trade, Commerce, Investments, and Solicitations (Chapters 494-560)

▢ [Chapter 553. Building Construction Standards \(Refs & Annos\)](#)

▢ [Part IV. Florida Building Code \(Refs & Annos\)](#)

➔ **553.885. Carbon monoxide alarm required**

(1) Every building, other than a hospital, an inpatient hospice facility, or a nursing home facility licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration, for which a building permit is issued for new construction on or after July 1, 2008, and having a fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance, a fireplace, or an attached garage shall have an approved operational carbon monoxide alarm installed within 10 feet of each room used for sleeping purposes. For a new hospital, an inpatient hospice facility, or a nursing home facility licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration, an approved operational carbon monoxide detector shall be installed inside or directly outside of each room or area within the hospital or facility where a fossil-fuel-burning heater, engine, or appliance is located. This detector shall be connected to the fire alarm system of the hospital or facility as a supervisory signal.

(2) The Florida Building Commission shall adopt rules to administer this section and shall incorporate such requirements into its next revision of the Florida Building Code.

(3) As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Carbon monoxide alarm” means a device that is meant for the purpose of detecting carbon monoxide, that produces a distinct audible alarm, and that meets the requirements of and is approved by the Florida Building Commission.

(b) “Fossil fuel” means coal, kerosene, oil, fuel gases, or other petroleum or hydrocarbon product that emits carbon monoxide as a by-product of combustion.

CREDIT(S)

Added by [Laws 2007, c. 2007-181, § 2, eff. July 1, 2007](#). Amended by [Laws 2008, c. 2008-191, § 18, eff. July 1, 2008](#); [Laws 2009, c. 2009-21, § 65, eff. July 7, 2009](#).

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Preamble (Laws 2007, c. 2007-181):

“WHEREAS, the general purpose and intent of this act is to provide proper protection regulations in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state, and

“WHEREAS, the specific intent and purpose of this act is to create safety regulations requiring carbon monoxide detectors after the occurrence of several incidents where people have died as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning under circumstances that were preventable, and

“WHEREAS, this act honors the memory of Janelle Bertot, a talented and community-oriented 19-year-old college student and daughter of a former Hialeah police officer, and Anthony Perez, a 25-year-old senior at Florida International University and the president of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, who died on November 14, 2004, from carbon monoxide poisoning as a result of carbon monoxide that leaked from their motor vehicle, and

“WHEREAS, through the efforts of Janelle's parents and other dedicated volunteers, Janelle's Wishing Well, a charitable foundation, has been established to provide scholarships to young people interested in health care and to raise public awareness and create community outreach programs on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, and

“WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes and supports the education and prevention efforts of Janelle's Wishing Well to advise young people of the lethal danger of carbon monoxide poisoning, and

“WHEREAS, this act also honors the memory of Tom Lueders, an outgoing 26-year-old from Washington, D.C., who was just starting out in a promising career and had aspirations of attending graduate school, and who, on December 27, 2006, died from carbon monoxide poisoning, NOW, THEREFORE,”

CROSS REFERENCES

Public lodging and public food service establishments, safety regulations, see [§ 509.211](#).

RESEARCH REFERENCES

Encyclopedias

Carbon Monoxide Detectors, [FL Jur. 2d Building, Zoning, & Land Controls § 36.5](#).

West's F. S. A. § 553.885, FL ST § 553.885

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