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→ **§ 12-1101. Definitions**

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Carbon monoxide alarm” means a device that:
- (1) senses carbon monoxide;
 - (2) when sensing carbon monoxide, is capable of emitting a distinct and audible sound;
 - (3) is listed and carries the listing of a nationally recognized testing laboratory approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal; and
 - (4) is wired into an alternating current (AC) powerline with secondary battery backup.
- (c)(1) “Dwelling” means a building or part of a building that provides living or sleeping facilities for one or more individuals.
- (2) “Dwelling” includes a one or two family dwelling, multifamily dwelling, hotel, motel, or dormitory.
- (d) “Install” means to attach to the wall or ceiling of a dwelling in accordance with:
- (1) the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 720 standard for the installation of carbon monoxide warning equipment in dwelling units; and
 - (2) the manufacturer's recommendations.

§ 12-1102. Application of Subtitle

This subtitle only applies to a dwelling that:

(1) relies on the combustion of a fossil fuel for heat, ventilation, hot water, or clothes dryer operation; and

(2) is a newly constructed dwelling for which a building permit is issued on or after January 1, 2008.

§ 12-1103. Combined carbon monoxide and smoke alarms

A carbon monoxide alarm may be combined with a smoke alarm if the combined device complies with:

(1) this subtitle;

(2) Title 9 of this article; and

(3) Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards 217 and 2034.

§ 12-1104. Location of carbon monoxide alarms

(a) There must be a carbon monoxide alarm installed in a central location outside of each sleeping area within a dwelling subject to this subtitle.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, if there is a centralized alarm system that is capable of emitting a distinct and audible sound to warn all occupants, the owner of a dwelling may install a carbon monoxide alarm within 25 feet of any carbon monoxide-producing fixture and equipment.

§ 12-1105. Disabling of carbon monoxide alarms prohibited

Except as part of routine maintenance, a person may not render a carbon monoxide alarm inoperable.

§ 12-1106. County, municipal laws regarding carbon monoxide alarms

This subtitle does not prevent a county or municipal corporation from enacting more stringent laws that relate to carbon monoxide alarms.

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