

This notice applies to all owners of private rental housing utilized in the LHA Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Adherence to State Law is necessary to remain in contractual compliance.

The State of New Hampshire enacted a revised Smoke Detector-Carbon Monoxide Detector Law effective on July 1, 2011.

You may view this law, **RSA 153:10-a**, on the State of New Hampshire official **NH.gov** web site by clicking on the link: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XII/153/153-10-a.htm>.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal has released **Informational Bulletin 2020-05** to address installation and administrative requirements associated with RSA 153:10-a. You may view the **Smoke Alarm Device Requirements in Dwellings Bulletin** on the State of New Hampshire official **NH.gov** web site using the link: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety/bulletins/index.html>.

Owners of new construction buildings have been required to be in compliance with this law since July 1, 2010.

Owners of existing buildings have been required to be in compliance with this law since July 1, 2013.

There are a few things to be aware of regarding practical compliance with the law:

1. Buildings which do not have attached garages or loading docks or **any** appliance or device that uses a combustion method of burning solid, liquid, or gas fuel (furnaces, gas ovens/ranges, woodstoves and so forth) are exempt from the CO Detector requirements.
2. Hardwired Combination Smoke Detectors/CO Detectors with battery back-up can often be swapped with existing hardwired smoke detectors to comply with some or all of the CO detector requirements provided that they meet the requirements of UL 217 and UL 2034.
3. Plug-in type CO detectors with battery back-up are currently acceptable devices under the new law. Since these devices are easily removed, it is reasonably possible that they will not be acceptable in the future.
4. While battery powered Smoke/CO detectors meet the requirements of the law in certain existing buildings or those without commercial power, they should not replace hardwired devices installed at time of new construction or major renovations.
5. CO detectors are required in all common hallways. Placement and number of detectors required will depend on many variables such as number of floors in the building, location of fuel-burning devices and so forth. It is best to consult with the Lebanon Fire Department to determine specific CO detection requirements for common halls in your building.
6. Be aware that the building owner is responsible for complying with the law and for maintaining both smoke detector and CO detector systems.
7. As always, the **Lebanon Fire Department** is the best resource for information regarding compliance with the law. You may reach them by telephone at **(603) 448-8810**