



Beginning July 1, 2011, Senate Bill 183 the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act, requires homeowner to install carbon monoxide detectors in every California home. CAL FIRE officials say this will save lives. "Carbon monoxide is a silent killer, each year claiming the lives of an average of 480 people and sending more than 20,000 people to emergency rooms across the nation," states Acting State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced from heaters, fireplaces, furnaces, and many types of appliances and cooking devices. The best way for homeowners to be protected is to install a carbon monoxide detector on every floor and outside each sleeping area. A recent study found that nearly nine in ten California households did not have a CO detector. It is a small investment that could save your life and the lives of your family.



For more information on how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning visit the [CAL FIRE](#) website.