

## **Carbon Monoxide Alarms Required**

The Colorado State Legislature passed the “Lofgren and Johnson Families Carbon Monoxide Safety Act” which will take affect on July 1, 2009. This law requires a carbon monoxide alarm be installed in a dwelling unit by one of the following methods.

- (a) Wired directly into the dwelling’s electrical system.
- (b) Directly plugged into an electrical outlet without a switch other than a circuit breaker.
- (c) If the alarm is battery-powered, attached to the wall or ceiling of the dwelling unit.

The alarms must be installed within 15’ of the entrance to each sleeping room. They are required to be installed in any dwelling that has a fuel fired heater or appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage.

- 1) This installation is required prior to the sale of any dwelling.
- 2) When interior alterations, repairs, fuel fired appliance replacements, or additions occur.
- 3) Where one or more sleeping rooms are added.
- 4) With change of tenant occupancy in rental property.