

# **Carbon Monoxide (Detection and Safety) Bill**

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Make provision about requirements for carbon monoxide detectors; to make provision about carbon monoxide safety; and for connected purposes.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Carbon monoxide safety: core function of fire and rescue authorities**

- (1) The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 6 (Fire safety) insert—

**“6A Carbon monoxide safety**

- (1) A fire and rescue authority in England must make provision for the purpose of promoting carbon monoxide safety in its area. 5
- (2) In making provision under subsection (1) a fire and rescue authority must in particular, to the extent that it considers it reasonable to do so, make arrangements for—
  - (a) the provision of information, publicity and encouragement in respect of the steps to be taken to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning and death or injury from carbon monoxide poisoning; 10
  - (b) the giving of advice, on request, about—
    - (i) how to prevent the spilling of carbon monoxide in buildings and other properties; and 15
    - (ii) installation of functioning carbon monoxide alarms, including audible carbon monoxide alarms.”

**2 Duty of Secretary of State to make carbon monoxide alarm regulations: rented dwellings** 20

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of this Act receiving Royal Assent, make carbon monoxide alarm regulations under section 150 of the Energy Act 2013.

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- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must impose duties on relevant landlords to install and maintain functioning audible carbon monoxide alarms in rented dwellings which contain a gas, liquid or solid fuel burning combustion appliance.
- (3) In this section “relevant landlord” means a landlord in respect of a tenancy of residential premises in England who is of a description specified in regulations, including landlords that are registered providers of social housing under the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008. 5
- (4) Regulations made by the Secretary of State under subsection (3) are to be made by statutory instrument. 10
- (5) Any statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (3) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- 3 Duty of Secretary of State to make carbon monoxide alarm regulations: newly built dwellings 15**
- The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of this Act receiving Royal Assent, make regulations under section 1 of the Building Act 1984 to require the installation of functioning audible carbon monoxide alarms in newly built dwellings in England which contain a gas, liquid or solid fuel burning combustion appliance. 20
- 4 Amendments to Schedule 4 to the Housing Act 2004**
- (1) Paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Housing Act 2004 (licences under Parts 2 and 3: mandatory conditions) is amended as follows.
- (2) For sub-paragraph (4A)(a) substitute –
- “(a) to ensure that an audible carbon monoxide alarm is installed in any room in the house which is used wholly or partly as living accommodation and contains a gas, liquid or solid fuel burning combustion appliance.” 25
- 5 Extent, commencement and short title**
- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales. 30
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Carbon Monoxide (Detection and Safety) Act 2018.

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*Ordered to be brought in by  
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Michael Tomlinson,  
and Mr Barry Sheerman.*

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons,  
to be Printed, 13 September 2017.*

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