The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Notice PIH 2022-01

Subject: Carbon Monoxide Alarms or Detectors

Property owners providing housing under the HCV Program will be required to provide CO alarms or detectors in certain Federally Assisted Housing by **December 27, 2022**.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development require installation of Carbon Monoxide Alarms or Detectors where HCV participants reside. Carbon Monoxide Alarm (s) or Detector(s) are required when a fossil fuel-burning appliance or devices, such as, water heaters, stoves, or heaters are located in the unit.

Under the requirement, inoperable or missing Carbon Monoxide Alarm(s) or CO detector(s) are considered life threatening and must be installed or repaired within 24 hours.

**Definitions:**

**Carbon Monoxide Alarm:**  A single or multiple station alarm intended to detect carbon monoxide gas and alert occupants by a distinct audible signal. It incorporates a sensor, control components and an alarm notification appliance in a single unit.

**Carbon Monoxide Detector:** A device with an integral sensor to detect carbon monoxide gas and transmit an alarm signal to a connected alarm control unit.

We want to clarify the Carbon Monoxide Alarm or CO Detector requirements, because in some instances more than one device may be required in a unit.

* The device **must** be installed per manufacturer’s instructions.
* If the unit has a fuel-burning device, there **must** be at least one CO detector.
* There **must** be at least one detector within 10 feet of each set of bedrooms.
* More than one CO detector is required if sleeping areas are located in separate areas of the unit. For example, sleeping areas are on two levels or separated on opposite ends of the unit or a garage conversion to a sleeping area.
* There **must** be one on each level of a multi-level unit.
* If there is an attached garage, there **must** be one in the room closest to the garage as instructed by the manufacturer on acceptable installation locations.
* If the unit is all-electric with no attached garage, there is no requirement for CO detectors.

If you have any additional questions about MHA’s Carbon Monoxide Alarm or Detector requirements, please call 7704195116 or 7704195104 or email inspections@mariettahousingauthority.org egreen@mariettahousingauthority.org