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Breaking News: California Approves Requirement for Fire Sprinklers in All New Homes Beginning in 2011

January 13, 2010 - The National Fire Sprinkler Association today announced that the State of California has adopted new building code changes that will require all new one and two-family homes and townhouses built in the state starting January 1, 2011, to be equipped with life-saving fire sprinkler systems. [Read the full press release here:](#)

Editorial: "More life safety challenges ahead for fire and life safety professionals"

Your participation is important at the ICC's Final Action Code Hearing in Dallas, May 14-23, 2010, to defend our success and once again vote for life saving technologies. [More Here -](#)

Residential Fire Sprinklers in the news

Pennsylvania becomes the first state to adopt, without amendments, the new residential code requiring fire sprinklers in one and two family homes. [Read more -](#)

New Hampshire follows closely behind PA, passing ICC International Residential codes. The new requirements won't go into effect however until several months later, on April 1st, 2012. A debate continues in the state over the requirements and the effect they will have on new home buyers. [More here -](#)

- **Related Story:** Bills have been introduced in the New Hampshire State Legislature to prevent the state from enforcing the codes voted on by the states Building Code Review Board. [Read the full article -](#)
- **Related Story:** Public Hearings to be held regarding newly passed residential fire sprinkler code in New Hampshire beginning January 7th. [Full Story -](#)
- Iowa also adopts ICC fire sprinkler recommendations beginning in 2013; Debate begins - [Read more -](#)

Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2009 (H.R. 1194-House)
Amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide for accelerated depreciation of five years

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for automatic fire sprinkler systems installed in existing occupancies. .pdf copies of the bill available [here](#)

Carbon Monoxide Protection in the news

Hard-wired Carbon Monoxide detectors required under New Hampshire law:

As of January 1st, 2010 nearly all new and reconstructed homes must have a hard-wired CO detector installed under New Hampshire State law. A 1982 law required smoke detectors in homes as a fire safety measure, however, with recent increases in carbon monoxide cases the state has amended that law. "We're seeing a lot more gas appliances today," said Pendergast. "Back in the day we had oil burner appliances and there wasn't a prominent problem." [Read the full article -](#)

Greensboro, NC became one more municipality to require Carbon Monoxide detectors in rental homes or apartments that are heated with fossil fuels. Under this law landlords could be fined \$250 and would be liable if the occupants become sick or die. [Read more](#)

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Home Protection Alarms:

An excellent article regarding residential protection alarms. [Read the full article -](#)

Upcoming News and Training Opportunities

Fire Department Emergency Response Training for Civilians - Preparing and Presenting:

Effective fire safety training talks have proven over the years to be influential in the occupant's survival. Today, many businesses are looking to train their employees, giving fire safety professionals an opportunity to increase awareness at work and at home. [Get Full Article -](#)

2010 American Fire Sprinkler Association offers two courses in designing fire sprinkler systems.

The beginning fire sprinkler system planning school is a two week program designed for those with no experience. The AFSA is also offering a 5-day refresher course over NFPA 13D and P2904 of the IRC for those with already experienced in sprinkler systems.

- System Layout School for Residential One- & Two-Family Dwellings. [Click Here for More -](#)

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