



Parenting Playground

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Amanda's Law

Amanda's Law is named after a teenager who tragically lost her life by a carbon monoxide leak from a defective boiler while she was sleeping at a friend's house. Effective **February 22, 2010**, most homes are now required to have a carbon monoxide detector.

Under Amanda's Law, homes built before January 1, 2008, are permitted to have battery-powered CO alarms, while homes built after this date are required to have the alarms hard-wired into the building. Previously, only homes built or bought after July 30, 2002 were required to have these devices installed. Additionally, Amanda's Law will require contractors in New York State to install a CO alarm when replacing a hot water tank or furnace if the home is not equipped with an alarm.

In order to comply with this law, a minimum of one carbon monoxide detector must be installed in every home where there is a carbon monoxide source.

In addition to installing carbon monoxide alarms, homeowners should take the following actions to help reduce their risk and stay safe:

- Test and/or replace alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions;
- Have heating systems, vents, chimneys and flues tested, inspected and cleaned by a qualified technician each year;
- Never leave a car running in an attached garage;
- Regularly examine vents and chimneys for improper connections, rust, soot or other debris;
- Never run a vehicle, generator or other fuel powered motor indoors, even if garage doors are open to the outdoors;
- Never use a gas oven to heat a home, and only use barbecue grills outdoors – never in a house or garage; and
- Remember that carbon monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should also be installed on every level of a home as well as in or outside all sleeping areas.

For more information regarding this law go to <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/code/COAlarm.htm>

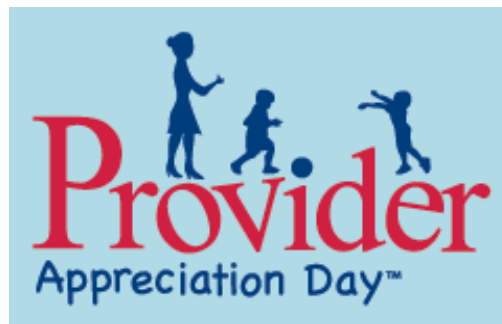


**Dora reminds you to include
All Little Explorers in the 2010
Census!**

*Children have been under-
counted in every census since
the first one in 1790. Please
remember to include all your
children when you complete the
2010 Census form.*



Recognize Everyday. Celebrate in May!



MAY 7, 2010

A yearly event to celebrate child care providers

Provider Appreciation Day is a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere. Started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, Provider Appreciation Day is appropriately celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother's Day. The founding organizers saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents. Momentum and support for this event has grown each year and recognition presently includes individuals and government organizations throughout the United States.