

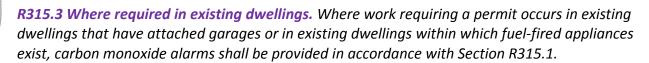


CITY OF AMARILLO INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

The Department of Building Safety has developed this Informational Bulletin to describe and clarify the requirements for carbon monoxide alarms.

The 2012 International Residential Code as amended states in part:

R315.1 Carbon monoxide alarms. For new construction, an approved carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms in dwelling units within which fuel-fired appliances are installed and in dwelling units that have attached garages. Approved alarms shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions or located on the wall at a height 42 to 90 inches above floor, avoiding locations near heating/cooling vents or areas which provide turbulent airflow, and minimum 36 inches away from openings to areas of high humidity. Avoid installing CO alarms in kitchens or above fuel-burning appliances.



It is important to clarify the statement "Where work requiring a permit occurs in existing dwellings..." This section is not specific to a particular trade or permit type. The section requires any project which requires a permit to comply, i.e. building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing. The purpose is to enhance safety for the occupants of dwellings utilizing fuel-fired equipment or which have an attached garage.

The intent of this section is for ANY permitted work. The Department's position shall be consistent with the 2012 IRC with a few specific exceptions as listed below:

- Water service line with all work occurring on the exterior of the structure
- Irrigation system installation or repair
- Sewer line with all work occurring on the exterior of the structure
- Exterior siding work (does not exempt roofing or window installations)
- Detached accessory structures, including exterior swimming pools
- Exterior flatwork, driveways, retaining walls, fencing, and similar
- Xcel Energy Super Saver installations



For all other projects where a permit is required, the permit holder will be responsible to comply with Section 315.1 or 315.3 as applicable.

For more information, contact the Department of Building Safety – 806 378-3041.

