Prevent Carbon Monoxide Hazards in Your Home

By Rep. Ann Flood

PEN ARGYL - There have recently been multiple reports of carbon monoxide (CO) incidents as temperatures cool across Pennsylvania and residents turn up thermostats.

Residents are urged to take several simple steps to ensure proper operation of heating equipment and appliances to prevent a build-up of CO inside homes.



Here are some simple steps to help ensure your safety:

- Make sure working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are appropriately located within living spaces and the batteries powering them are fresh. CO detectors/alarms should be located on each floor of a home, including one in each bedroom or sleeping area.
- Have a qualified professional check your furnace, water heater and other internal combustion appliances. An annual check and service of your heating system and appliances will help ensure the safe operation of your equipment.
- Check the connections to your chimney or flue for damage or corrosion. A damaged or blocked chimney could allow exhaust gas, including CO, to enter your home. Contact a heating professional to have your chimney and flue checked.
- Check that both internal and external combustion air vents are unobstructed. External vents can become blocked by leaves and other debris.
- Change or clean furnace filters regularly. Clogged filters can reduce the efficiency of your heating equipment and impede normal operations.

For more information, click here https://links.pahousenews.com/q/V5HqqaEPDp0XJF-99Lr50Fizdu5vpQkCfQzZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4g0krZsx7_d6brLbUFzKB0vNNZl3g.



Get Ready for REAL ID

By Rep. Ann Flood PEN ARGYL - The deadline for enforcement of the federal REAL ID Act is fast approaching.

As of May 7, you will have to present a federally accepted form of identification to board a commercial domestic flight or visit a secure federal

building that requires ID at the door. Federally accepted forms of identification include a Pennsylvania REAL ID driver's license or ID card, a U.S. passport or passport card, or a military ID.

While all Pennsylvanians must comply with the new law, obtaining a state-issued REAL ID is not mandatory. PennDOT will continue to offer standard-issue driver's licenses and photo IDs.

Full enforcement of the law has been delayed several times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which was hindering efforts to process REAL ID applications across the country.

To learn more about REAL ID and how to obtain one, visit penndot.gov/REALID.









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