

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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## **Carbon Monoxide Detectors Required Under New Law**

Amanda's Law, passed in the 2009 Session of the New York State Legislature, will establish a new requirement for installation of carbon monoxide detectors in homes. Under the law, one-family homes, two-family homes, dwellings located in condominiums or cooperatives, and multiple dwellings must have a carbon monoxide detector installed regardless of the date of construction or sale.

The law was named after Amanda Hansen, a teenager whose life was tragically ended by a carbon monoxide leak from a defective boiler while she was sleeping at a friend's house in January 2009. Amanda's Law takes effect on February 22, 2010.

The new law requires that the carbon monoxide detector meet New York State standards, and that it be installed in an operable condition in dwellings where there are appliances or systems that may emit carbon monoxide, or those that have an attached garage.

“As a result of Amanda's Law, a carbon monoxide detector will soon be found in nearly all residential structures in the state. Here in the City of Newburgh, this will also create a safer living environment for many of our residents as well as a greater awareness of home safety issues that are intensified by prevalent seasonal heating issues,” said Fire Chief Michael J. Vatter.

For additional information please contact the City of Newburgh Fire Prevention Bureau at (845) 569-7405 or the Code Enforcement Bureau at (845) 569-7400.