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CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR RENTAL CERTIFICATION

Landlords have asked for clarification regarding when and where carbon monoxide detectors are required. Michigan Residential Code is not clear on this so below is a picture from the International Residential Code Commentary.

Basically:

1. Carbon monoxide detection is required when there is an attached garage with an opening that communicates with the dwelling unit.
2. Carbon monoxide detection is required when the dwelling unit contains a fuel-fired appliance (like a gas stove, gas fireplace, gas water heater, or gas furnace). In the case of a multiple unit apartment house, in which the building contains a fuel-fired appliance, each unit should have the carbon monoxide detection protection.
3. The carbon monoxide detector can be a combo unit with a smoke detector.
4. The carbon monoxide detector can be battery operated.

