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CITY COUNCIL PASSES MARK WEPRIN'S CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR REPLACEMENT BILL

The New York City Council passed a bill sponsored by Council Member Mark S. Weprin to require property owners to replace existing carbon monoxide detectors with ones that provide audible warning chirps.

“Exposure to carbon monoxide is fatal. This law puts safety first and will save lives by requiring CO detectors with audible reminders that they need to be replaced,” said Council Member Mark S. Weprin.

Carbon monoxide is a highly toxic gas that causes two hundred deaths per year in the United States. That is why Local Law 7 of 2004 requires building owners to provide and install at least one approved CO alarm within each dwelling unit. The problem that has arisen since the requirement took effect is that many CO detectors are nearing the end of their operational lives and older models have no audible indication that they are about to cease to operating. Fortunately, newer CO alarms are designed to chirp when it is time to replace them; this simple design improvement can mean the difference between life and death. Council Member Weprin introduced the measure to require the new detectors because he believes that it is incumbent upon the City to take action to ensure public safety.



Council Member Mark Weprin speaking about the carbon monoxide detector bill in advance of the stated meeting next to Council Members Vincent Ignizio (left) and Stephen Levin (right).