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Henry's Law Introduced by the Province to Enhance Protection from Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

The Minister of Government Relations introduced *The Building Code (Henry's Law) Amendment Regulations, 2026* on May 5, 2026. This amendment to the National Building Code of Canada requires a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm in every residential suite or unit in a residential occupancy where a person sleeps in Saskatchewan. The enhanced regulations, known as Henry's Law, are named in honour of Henry Losco, who passed away from CO poisoning in Regina in December 2025.

"Henry Losco's tragic death demonstrated that Saskatchewan residents need stronger protection from the dangers of carbon monoxide in their homes," Minister of Government Relations Eric Schmalz said. "Henry's Law ensures that more CO alarms are positioned to provide protection, promoting the safety that is fundamental to communities and in building a strong Saskatchewan."

Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odourless, poisonous gas produced by fuel-burning appliances such as natural gas furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces. CO can build up to dangerous levels when appliances or equipment are not working properly, are poorly ventilated or malfunction. Without a working CO alarm, continued exposure to CO can lead to confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness, brain damage and death.

Henry's Law will require CO alarms in all multi-unit residential buildings consisting of apartments, condominiums, houses with secondary suites and all other buildings with multiple residential suites by November 1, 2026, regardless of when the building was initially built or last renovated. This timeframe allows the ministry to offer education to building owners, local authorities, building officials and industry associations about their obligations under these amendments.

To learn more about protecting your home from CO and Henry's Law, visit saskatchewan.ca.

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