North Reading
COMMUNITY
IMPACT TEAM

Replace Aging CO Alarms
They Don't Last Forever

Guide for **Residents and First Responders**

Replace CO detectors every 5 - 7 years, depending on the model

Your safety depends on working CO detectors.

Protect Yourself from Carbon Monoxide, the Invisible, Odorless Killer

The purpose of the *Beat the Beep* campaign is to alert residents that their CO alarms may be reaching the end of their lifecycles and should be replaced BEFORE the beeps indicating end of life.

First Responders can help

Nicoles's Law

- Took effect in 2006 and many people have been saved from CO poisoning.

In 2010 Massachusetts Fire Departments responded to nearly 15,000 CO incidents and in 5,000 cases CO was confirmed.

What you need to know

They Don't Last Forever

- Required since 2006
- Life Expectancy 5 -7 years

Many CO alarms are now reaching the end of their useful life and need to be replaced.

What you need to know

Signs the CO needs Replacing

- Chirping

Models with digital readouts
"ERR" or "E09" or "END"

Alarm sounds even after a brand new battery was installed.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors & First Responders

What you need to know

- Be aware of the surge of CO detectors that are reaching this “end of life” stage.
- Help educate residents to *Beat the Beep*.
- *It may be more than the time to replace batteries, it may be time to replace the entire alarm.*