

VISIBLE NOTIFICATION APPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS *Construction Codes Requirements*

HIGHLIGHTS

What is a Visible Notification Appliance?

- Alerts occupants through sight with strobe lights (see *Figure 1*)
- Installed in conjunction with a carbon monoxide detector (see *Figure 2*)
- Must activate when the carbon monoxide detector is triggered
- When used only for carbon monoxide detection, the appliance should **not** have the word 'FIRE' or any fire symbol markings on it that is visible to the public.



Figure 1: Visible Notification Appliance - Amber Strobe

(Source https://dssfire.com/docs/EST_Genesis_Horns_Strobes.pdf)



Figure 2: Carbon Monoxide Detector

(Source: dynamoelectricllc.com/wp-content)

BACKGROUND

Buildings Bulletin 2021-002 supersedes Buildings Bulletin 2020-014 as a result of the most recent amendment to 1 RCNY §908-01, effective November 9, 2019, which updates the Rule to amend the 2015 edition of NFPA 720, *Standard for the Installation of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detection and Warning Equipment*. **Buildings Bulletin 2021-002** clarifies the requirements for visible occupant notification appliances as part of the adopted NFPA 720 standard.

Speak with your architect or engineer about the current carbon monoxide installation code requirements for applicability to your proposed scope of work.

Read **Buildings Bulletin 2021-002** for more details on the requirements.

Send questions to constructioncodes@buildings.nyc.gov.