



Legislative Advocacy

About NCOAA

The National Carbon Monoxide Awareness Association (NCOAA) is a non-partisan, grassroots, civic-minded organization that is focused on eradicating carbon monoxide poisoning and helping carbon monoxide poisoning survivors recover to lead a happy, healthy, and productive life.

Our vision is an end to carbon monoxide injury and death.

Background

Requirements for carbon monoxide alarms in homes and commercial buildings is decided at the state and local levels. There is no federal legislation this. At the federal level, funding for alarms and education was recently granted through the *Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2021*.

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Congress recognizes the importance of carbon monoxide poisoning prevention across the U.S. This bill will fund carbon monoxide alarms and public education via grants.

The bill is named after two brothers who died in 1996 after a malfunctioning furnace emitted carbon monoxide in their home as they slept.

The implementation of the grant funding program will be managed by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Only \$2 million was awarded for this first funding cycle, and we anticipate that states will need more than this to effectively carry out the goals of the legislation. We intend to work with states to help them apply for funding.

At least 10 states do not require schools or day cares to have CO alarms.

On the Hill

NCOAA is planning an upcoming Hill Day to educate our legislators on CO safety issues and solutions related to renewable energy sources. We aim to educate federal legislators on the dangers of CO poisoning, the causes of this public health crisis, and the potential solutions to preventing future injury and death. One of our main asks will be for additional funding for the Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2021.

Budget

The approximate cost to do a Hill Day is \$20,000-\$30,000. This includes travel for Hill Day participants, creating printed takeaways for legislators, updating our website's advocacy section, and staff time to prepare for the event.

Additional staff time will be required to assist states and territories in applying for the CPSC funding in spring/summer 2023.