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L&I advises precautions against Carbon Monoxide

Department of Licenses and Inspections Commissioner Robert D. Solvibile, Sr. advise citizens about the dangers of exposure to carbon monoxide fumes in residential dwellings.

"Carbon monoxide is a silent killer," said Commissioner Solvibile. *"Each year, over two hundred people in the United States die from carbon monoxide produced by fuel burning appliances such as furnaces and water heaters."* Commissioner Solvibile advises citizens to take the following safety precautions:

- **Only** hire a contractor licensed by the City of Philadelphia to install home furnaces and hot water heaters.
- **Insist** that the contractor obtain the necessary permits required prior to doing any work, and insist on viewing them.
- **Maintain** equipment by having it checked on an annual basis.

To see if an individual is properly licensed by the City of Philadelphia, call the License Issuance Unit at 686-2490 or visit Licenses and Inspections website @ www.phila.gov/li.

Contractors may easily obtain permits at the Municipal Services Building, 1401 J.F.K. Blvd., Concourse Level. Customer service hours of operation are 8:30 a.m to 3:00 p.m.

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In addition, L&I's district offices also accept applications. The addresses are as follows: all in area code (215)

- Central District 990 Spring Garden Street, 7th Floor 685-3786
- East District Rising Sun Avenue and Benner Street 685-0580
- North District 5700 N. Broad Street, 3rd Floor 685-2857
- South District 11th and Wharton Streets, 2nd Floor 685-1575
- West District 43rd and Market Streets 685-7680

"Protect your family and prevent tragedies by having your heating systems, including chimneys and flues, inspected each year by a licensed contractor," said Commissioner Solvibile. "In addition, L&I recommends the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in hallways outside bedrooms. These inexpensive devices can be purchased at home centers and department stores."

Questions regarding permits may be directed to the L&I Mechanical Services Division at (215) 686-1409.

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