



CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon Monoxide (CO), a byproduct of fuel burning, is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless danger. Known as the "Invisible Killer," CO poisoning can be deadly.

Early warning prevention and detection can help prevent CO poisoning and death.

SAFETY AND PREVENTION



- Avoid idling vehicles in the garage.
- Check for leaks. Have gas appliances serviced by a certified professional.
- Always use portable generators or grills outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents.

COMMON CO SOURCES

VEHICLES PORTABLE GENERATORS GRILLS FURNACES STOVES WATER HEATERS KEROSENE HEATERS

BE AWARE: SYMPTOMS OF CO POISONING

- Many signs/symptoms of CO poisoning can resemble cold, flu, or food poisoning.
- Low-level CO poisoning: Headache, nausea, drowsiness, and/or dizziness
- High-level CO poisoning: Confusion, cherry-red skin color, vomiting, loss of consciousness, and/or death.
- If you feel that you have signs of CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately and go to the emergency room.

CO POISONING SYMPTOMS INCLUDE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:



CO ALARMS SHOULD BE INSTALLED OUTSIDE SLEEPING AREAS AND ON EVERY LEVEL OF THE HOME.



- Install five feet from the floor away from children and pets.
- Test CO alarms monthly. Replace the batteries every six months.
- Consider having a portable CO alarm for travel (hotels, rentals, etc)
- If the alarm goes off (4 beeps), get out of the house and then call your local fire department's non-emergency phone number.



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