Carbon Monoxide Safety

Keep your household safe from the invisible killer with a CO alarm

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a dangerous, odorless, poisonous gas. Heating and cooking devices that burn fuel can be sources of CO.



Placement of CO Alarms

- **Outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home**
- **At least 15 feet away from fuel burning appliances**

Interconnected (hardwired and wireless) CO alarms offer the best protection; when one sounds, they all sound.

Prevention Tips

- **Only use a charcoal grill, hibachi, lantern, or portable camping stove outdoors**
- **Never use the oven to heat your home**
- **Ensure chimneys and flues are in good condition and not blocked**
- **Always run a car, generator, and any gas-powered motors outdoors**



Hear the CO alarm? ~ Get out quickly! ~ Stay out and call 9-1-1

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Know the symptoms.

CO can cause severe illness and death. Initial symptoms of low to moderate poisoning include: headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, and dizziness.

High level CO poisoning results in progressively more severe symptoms including: mental confusion, vomiting, loss of muscular coordination, loss of consciousness, and death.

Test CO alarms monthly and replace if they fail to respond correctly.

The sensors in CO alarms have a limited life.

Replace the CO alarm according to the manufacturer's instructions or when the end-of-life signal sounds.

