

# 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.



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