

Carbon Monoxide Safety

What is Carbon Monoxide?

- Carbon monoxide is a gas you cannot see, smell, or taste.
- Breathing carbon monoxide is dangerous.
- Too much carbon monoxide can cause serious illness or death.



Where Does Carbon Monoxide Come From?

- Gas furnace, boiler, or water heater
- Gas stove, oven, or fireplace
- Portable fuel-burning heaters
- Vehicle running in an attached garage
- Barbecue, generator, or outdoor heater used indoors

How to Prevent Carbon Monoxide

- Install a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of the home and near bedrooms
- Test alarms every month and change batteries when needed
- Have gas appliances checked once a year by a licensed contractor
- Do not use barbecues, generators, or heaters indoors
- Do not let a vehicle idle in a garage

Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Headache
- Dizziness or confusion
- Nausea or vomiting
- Shortness of breath
- Tiredness or weakness

Pets may also:

- Act very tired
- Vomit
- Have trouble breathing

If the Alarm Sounds

1. Leave the home right away
2. Call 911 from outside or from a safe place
3. Do not go back inside until emergency workers say it is safe

Install alarms. Maintain appliances. Know the symptoms.