Carbon Monoxide Safety

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
Know the symptoms.
Hear the CO alarm?
Get out quickly.
Stay out and call 9-1-1.

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