

Carbon Monoxide (CO) The Silent Killer

CO is a toxic, colorless, odorless, tasteless gas. Watch out for these CO warnings!

- Service your furnace by a qualified professional to check for leaks.
- Never leave a car running in a garage even with the garage door open.
- Never run a generator in the home or garage. Opening doors and windows or using fans will NOT prevent CO build-up in the house. When running a generator outdoors, keep it away from open windows and doors.
- Never burn charcoal in homes or garages.
- Never install or service combustion appliances without proper knowledge and skills.
- Never use a gas range, oven, or dryer for heating.
- Never put foil on the bottom of a gas oven because it interferes with combustion.
- Never operate an unvented gas-burning appliance in a closed room or in a space in which you are sleeping.

Symptoms of CO poisoning

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever) they include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness
- If you suspect that you are experiencing CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately. Leave the house and call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's home or cell phone. You could lose consciousness and die from CO poisoning if you stay in the home.

Get a CO Detector

Like working smoke detectors, every home with any gas appliance must have a CO detector on each floor of the house.

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