



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.
- 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.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call 9-1-1.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call 9-1-1 from a fresh air location and stay there until the fire department arrives.

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. <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Safety-equipment/Carbon-monoxide>



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