



WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT, KEEP YOUR GENERATOR OUTSIDE

Portable back-up generators produce the poison gas carbon monoxide (CO), an odorless, colorless gas that kills without warning. Keep your family safe by following these steps:

- Never use a generator inside your home or garage, even if doors and windows are open.
- Only use generators outside, more than 20 feet away from your home, doors, and windows.
- Install battery-operated CO detectors near every sleeping area in your home.
- Check CO detectors regularly to be sure they are functioning properly.

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WHEN YOUR FURNACE KICKS ON, BE SURE POISON GAS ISN'T COMING OUT

Gas- and oil-burning furnaces produce carbon monoxide (CO), an invisible, odorless, poison gas that kills hundreds every year and makes thousands more sick. Keep your family safe this winter by following these steps:

- Have your furnace inspected every year.
- Install battery-operated CO detectors near every sleeping area in your home.
- Check CO detectors regularly to be sure they are functioning properly.

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