

Carbon Monoxide

Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can cause sudden illness and death. Each year over 500 American die from Carbon Monoxide poisoning and thousands of others experience headaches, dizziness, nausea and vomiting from exposure. People who are sleeping or intoxicated can die from CO poisoning before ever experiencing any symptoms. You can prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning by installing a battery operated CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall.

If you Suspect Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Leave your home
- Call 911
- Get any victims to fresh air immediately
- Open windows
- Call your local utility

Tips for Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Install a battery operated CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall.
- Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters (catalytic) indoors. Although these heaters don't have a flame, they burn gas and can cause CO to build up inside your home, cabin, or camper.
- If you smell an odor from your gas refrigerator's cooling unit have an expert service it. An odor from the cooling unit of your gas refrigerator can mean you have a defect in the cooling unit. It could also be giving off CO.
- Have your chimney checked or cleaned every year. Chimneys can be blocked by debris. This can cause CO to build up inside your home.
- Never use a gas range or oven for heating.
- Never use a charcoal grill or a barbecue grill indoors.
- Never use a generator inside your home, basement, or garage or near a window, door, or vent.
- Never run a car or truck in the garage with the garage door shut. CO can build up quickly while your car or truck is running in a closed garage. Never run your car or truck inside a garage that is attached to a house and always open the door to any garage to let in fresh air when running a car or truck inside the garage.