



CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms should be installed in all homes, apartments and workplaces. They should be installed outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. It is best to use interconnected CO alarms so when one sounds, all sound.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly odorless, poisonous gas that can make a person feel sick. In the home, fuel-burning devices for heating and cooking can be sources of carbon monoxide.



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Test CO alarms at least once a month.

When a CO alarm sounds, assume that a real danger is present. You must get fresh air, so move all people and pets out of the structure immediately. Once outside, call the fire department. Do not re-enter until the fire department has declared the area safe and instructed you to do so.

PREVENT CO POISONING

- Have a professional inspect your chimneys and heating equipment each year.
- Don't keep your car running inside your garage, even if your garage doors are open.
- Gas and charcoal grills and generators can produce CO. Use them outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Clear all debris from dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace vents.
- Open the damper when using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.
- Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.
- Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the combustion air flow through the appliance and can produce carbon monoxide.