

Carbon Monoxide

The Silent Killer

"I didn't know Carbon Monoxide could come from my stove."



What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that has no color, no smell, and no taste.

Where does CO come from?

CO is made when fuel is burned. This may be wood, coal, oil, or natural gas. Common Sources of CO include:

- Gas stoves and ovens
- Car exhaust
- Charcoal grills
- Furnaces
- Oil, gas, or kerosene heaters
- Leaking chimneys or fireplaces

What happens when you get CO poisoning?

Symptoms at low levels:

- Sleepiness
- Confusion
- Nausea
- Headaches
- Feeling tired

Symptoms at high levels:

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Irregular heartbeat
- Confusion
- Death



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How do you stay safe from Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning?

Place a CO detector on each floor of the home.

Follow directions and make sure all detectors meet standards IAS 696 or UL 2034. Pay attention if the alarm goes off, because there may be carbon monoxide gas in the home.

Safety Tips:

- Never leave a car running in a garage.
- Never use a stove or oven for heating your home.
- Never burn charcoal indoors.
- Clean chimney flues every year.

What to do in a CO poison emergency:

- Go outside to get fresh air immediately.
- Call 911.
- Call your local fire department for a safety check.
- Do not go back into your home until the fire department tells you that it is safe.



Call the Poison Control Center at:

1-800-222-1222

TDD/TTY Line (For the Hearing Impaired)

1-973-926-8008

Help is just a phone call away!



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