

## Carbon Monoxide Safety



### What is Carbon Monoxide!

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly gas that is difficult to detect because it is odorless, tasteless and invisible. As a result, it is also known as "the silent killer."

### Carbon Monoxide Poisoning (CO)

CO is produced by fuel-burning appliances and equipment in our homes. If you have heating, cooking or power equipment that uses fuels such as oil, natural gas, coal, wood, propane, gasoline, etc., then your home is at risk for potential CO poisoning. Homes with attached garages are also at risk, because vehicles left running in the garage can cause CO to seep into the home.



### Preventing CO Poisonings

- Have the heating system (including chimneys and vents) inspected and serviced annually. The inspector should also check chimneys and flues for blockages, corrosion, partial and complete disconnections, and loose connections.
- Always make sure to turn off any gas-powered engine (car, truck, motorcycle, ATV, lawn mower, chainsaw, or generator) inside an attached garage or basement. Even if the garage door is open, you can still be affected or killed by CO.
- Have a trained professional inspect, clean, and tune-up central heating system (furnaces, flues, and chimneys) annually. Repair any leaks promptly.
- Do not use gas appliances such as ranges, ovens, or clothes dryers for heating your home.



### Signs and Symptoms of CO Poisonings

<u>Mild</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Severe</u>
Headaches	Confusion	Memory loss
Nausea	Unconsciousness	Poor coordination
Vomiting	Chest pain	Delayed neuropsychiatric symptoms, such as uncontrollable loss of urine
Drowsiness	Shortness of Breath	
Poor coordination	Coma	



### Finding the RIGHT CO Detector for YOUR home!

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- Choose a carbon monoxide detector that has been tested and approved.
- If you want a carbon monoxide detector that monitors low levels of CO, look for one that has a memory.
- If you are not diligent about checking or replacing batteries, a battery operated carbon monoxide detector is not for you. , a plug-in carbon monoxide detector may be best.

