

C A R B O N M O N O X I D E

Unintentional carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning results in more than 400 American fatalities and 5,000 hospitalizations per year. CO, also known as the "silent killer," is a gas created by gas-burning products and is colorless, tasteless, and odorless.

Reduce your risk of exposure and install alarms for detection of CO leaks.

Many people suffering from CO poisoning do not even realize it - symptoms can vary.

CO SOURCES

CO is produced by fuel-burning appliances.

Common CO sources include:

- Garages (vehicles)
- Gas appliances (furnaces, stoves, water heater)
- Fireplaces
- Kerosene heater
- Generators
- Grills (gas and charcoal)
- Clothes Dryer



POTENTIAL SOURCES OF CARBON MONOXIDE IN THE HOME

SYMPTOMS of CO POISONING

CO poisoning symptoms include one or more of the following:



High level CO poisoning may result in more severe symptoms:

- o Mental Confusion
- o Vomiting
- o Loss of Muscle coordination
- o Death
- o Loss of Consciousness

PREVENT CO POISONING

- Have gas appliances and fuel-burning equipment inspected per the manufacturer's instructions.
- Store portable generators outdoors at least 20 feet away from doors, windows, and vent openings.
- Never use a gas range or oven for heating.
- Never use a grill (gas or charcoal) indoors.
- Do not use gum or tape to patch a vent pipe.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned annually.