

Carbon Monoxide

THE "INVISIBLE" KILLER

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas produced by fuel-burning appliances and machines.

COMMON CO SOURCES:

- Attached garage
- Gas appliances (including furnace/water heater)
- Fireplace
- Kerosene heater
- Generator
- Charcoal grill

EVERY YEAR, MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE IN THE U.S. DIE FROM UNINTENTIONAL CARBON MONOXIDE EXPOSURE.

CO CLUES:

- Rusting/water streaking on vent or chimney
- Loose or missing furnace panel
- Debris or soot falling from chimney/fireplace/appliances
- Loose masonry on chimney
- Moisture inside windows

REDUCE YOUR CO RISK BY NEVER:

- Leaving a car running in the garage
- Running a generator in the home/garage/crawlspace
- Burning a charcoal in an enclosed space
- Using a gas range, oven, or dryer for heating

PROPER INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF CO SOURCES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN REDUCING THE RISK OF CO POISONING.

MONITOR YOUR CO RISK:

- Install battery-operated or plug-in, battery back-up CO alarms
- Install one alarm per level in the hallway near each bedroom or sleeping area
- Alarms should be placed at least five feet away from a CO source