



Home Fire Safety Resource

Carbon Monoxide Safety



A COMMUNITY INFORMATION GUIDE

WHAT TO KNOW

The invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels burn incompletely. In the home, fuel-fired heating and cooking equipment can be sources of carbon monoxide.

MORE INFO

430 people die annually
50,000 people visit the ER
each year due to accidental
carbon monoxide poisoning

CDC Statistics



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Install and test carbon monoxide (CO) alarms at least once a month.

CO is called the "invisible killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. Breathing in CO at high levels can be fatal.

U.S. Fire Administration

CO Alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.

- Choose a brand that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL)
- Mounting locations can vary per manufacturer, so ensure that you read and save the instructions
- Test alarms monthly, and replace batteries every year at the same time as your smoke alarms
- IF the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to fresh air and ensure everyone is accounted for. Call 9-1-1 for help and stay outside until emergency crews declare that it is safe to re-enter the home
- Replace devices as noted by the manufacturer, or when they are 10 years old



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