

Carbon Monoxide Picture This



Danger, Danger!
Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

CO is a TOXIC GAS
Colorless
Odorless
Tasteless

500 unintentional DEATHS
15,000 INJURIES requiring HOSPITALIZATION
IN THE U.S. EACH YEAR

Recognize the Symptoms

Mild Exposure:

- Slight headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Fatigue
- Flu-like symptoms

Medium Exposure:

- Severe headache
- Dizziness
- Confusion
- Rapid heart rate

Severe Exposure:

- Unconsciousness
- Coma
- Cardiac or respiratory failure
- Death

Prevention IS KEY

- **Install CO detectors** on each floor, especially in bedrooms. Detectors should be mounted 6 inches away from the ceiling or end of the wall, but not near furnace vents or gas stoves or dryers.
- **Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil or coal burning appliances serviced every year.**
- **Never use gas-powered tools, generators, grills or camp stoves indoors.**
- **Never use a gas range or oven for heating.**
- **Never leave a running vehicle in a garage with the door closed.**

Top 10 Causes of CO POISONING

1. Blocked or clogged chimney
2. Gas or wood-burning fireplace
3. Portable kerosene heaters
4. Gas stoves
5. Gas dryer
6. Leaking chimney pipe or flue, or malfunctioning furnace
7. Corroded gas/water heater vent pipe
8. Grilling in a poorly ventilated space
9. Running car in a closed garage
10. Operating gas-powered tool indoors

CO Poisoning
Can mimic flu symptoms but there are DIFFERENCES

TIME
Flu - GRS
CO poisoning - MINUTES to an HOUR

RANGE
CO poisoning affects ENTIRE body in the home or building

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Act FAST if Exposed

1. Call 911.
2. Remove who you can.
3. GET OUT! Fresh air outside is the answer to CO from your body.
4. Leave doors open.
5. Stay calm.

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