



EASTCHESTER FIRE DISTRICT

NEW YORK

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For Emergencies Call 911

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

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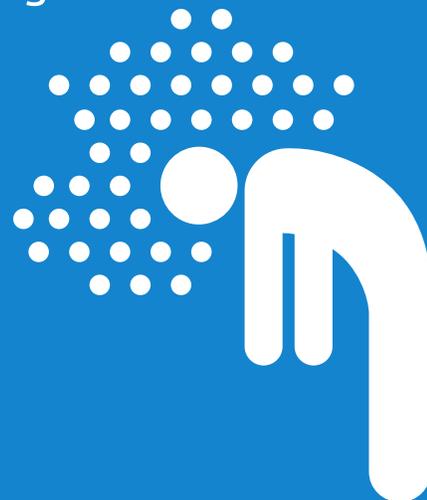
Annual Average
CO-Related
Deaths*

*Source: CDC

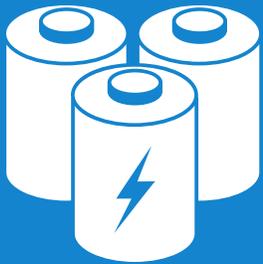
HOW TO RECOGNIZE CO POISONING

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning:

- Mild to Severe headaches
- Dizziness
- Mental Confusion
- Nausea
- Fainting
- Shortness of Breath



PREVENT CO POISONING



- Check or change the batteries in your CO detector every six months.
- Never leave the motor running in a vehicle parked in an enclosed or partially enclosed space, such as a garage.
- Never run a motor vehicle, generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from an open window, door, or vent where exhaust can vent into an enclosed area.
- Never run a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine inside a basement, garage, or other enclosed structure, even if the doors or windows are open.
- If you suspect CO poisoning, call 911 or a health care professional right away.

CO Alarm Guidelines:

INSTALLATION



Install CO alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home including the basement. The CO alarm can warn you if too much CO is in your home.



MAINTENANCE

Keep CO alarms clear of dust and debris.



IN SERVICE

Ensure CO alarms are plugged all the way into a working outlet, or if battery operated, have working batteries.