



# You Can Prevent Carbon Monoxide Exposure

- **Do** have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- **Do** install a battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home. Check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall.
- **Don't** use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, or garage or near a window.
- **Don't** run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.
- **Don't** burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented.
- **Don't** heat your house with a gas oven.
- **Don't** use a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent. Use an extension cord that is **more than 20 feet long** to keep the generator at a safe distance.

## **If the CO detector alarms, follow these steps:**

- Get people and pets out of the building, into fresh air.
- If anyone feels sick in any way call the poison center at **1-800-222-1222**.
- If anyone becomes unresponsive or is not breathing call **911** immediately.
- Do not reenter the building until the fire department has checked the building and determined that it is safe.

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