

CO test

CARBON MONOXIDE

THE INVISIBLE KILLER

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless, and invisible poisonous gas. If undetected, it can lead to serious injury, especially when people are asleep. This “invisible killer” is produced by burning fuel in cars, stoves, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, portable generators, etc. When the gas builds up in enclosed spaces, people or animals who breathe it can be poisoned.

DETECTION IS KEY

Location: Have a detector in the hallway near each sleeping area in your home.

Batteries: Check or replace the battery twice per year.

Replace: Get new detectors every five years.

Maintenance: Use a dry dusting cloth to wipe the outside of your detectors

HOW TO AVOID CO IN YOUR HOME

There are a number of steps you can take to reduce the level of CO in your home: 1) Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors. 2) Check and clean your chimney every year. 3) Never use a gas oven for heating. 4) Never use a generator inside or less than 20 feet from a window, door, or vent. 5) Never run a car in an attached garage, even with the door open.



**AT LEAST 420
PEOPLE DIE
EACH YEAR
FROM CO
POISONING.**

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS OF CO POISONING

- Breathing problems, chest pain
- Convulsions
- Dizziness, drowsiness, fainting
- Headache
- Nausea and vomiting
- Unconsciousness

WHAT TO DO

When you suspect CO poisoning, promptly taking the following actions can save lives: move the victim immediately to fresh air in an open area; call 9-1-1; administer CPR if the victim has stopped breathing. You may be exposed to fatal levels of CO poisoning in a rescue. Only attempt a rescue if you can do so quickly and safely.

**BREATHE EASY,
STAY SAFE!!!**