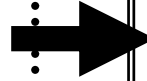


Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide is *invisible*! The colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas is a byproduct of burning organic fuels.

Sources

- Household appliances and equipment fueled with gas, oils, coal, kerosene or wood.
- Examples: furnaces, water heaters, space heaters, cars, charcoal grills, lanterns, clothes dryers, ovens, fireplaces, lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.

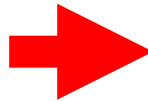


Causes

- Malfunctioning appliance or equipment
- Worn or faulty parts
- Improper venting

Symptoms

- Early symptoms often mimic the flu: headache, nausea, unclear thinking, shortness of breath, weakness, and loss of muscle control.
- Severe symptoms – convulsions, unconsciousness, and possible death



If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning:

- ! Leave your home right away!
- ! Call 911 or the Connecticut Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222).
- ! Call the local fire department to test for carbon monoxide.

Prevention

INSTALL A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR.

USE A PROFESSIONAL to CLEAN *and* INSPECT FUEL-BURNING APPLIANCES.

CHECK FOR PROPER VENTILATION.

- • 24 Hours a Day
- • Free and Confidential
- • Staffed by Poison Experts
- • Interpreters Available in All Languages
- • TDD # 1-866-218-5372

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