

UNDERSTANDING CARBON MONOXIDE

What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide, or CO, is an odorless, colorless, tasteless, and toxic gas. Breathing too much CO deprives the body of oxygen and can cause immediate physical danger and even death by asphyxiation.

Carbon monoxide is produced from the incomplete combustion of wood, fuel oil, propane, gasoline, kerosene, or natural gas.

Symptoms of CO poisoning

A person exposed to carbon monoxide may exhibit flu-like symptoms:

- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Tightness in the chest
- Headache
- Fatigue

If CO poisoning is suspected, move the victim into fresh air if possible. Open doors and windows to improve ventilation. Call for medical assistance if the symptoms are severe or if they persist.

How to prevent CO poisoning

- **Never** burn a charcoal or wood grill indoors or in a garage
- **Never** sit in a parked car with the engine running and the windows closed *
- **Never** operate a car in an enclosed area, such as a garage *
- **Never** operate kerosene or propane heaters indoors without proper ventilation
- **Never** use the gas range or oven for home heating
- **Never** use heat-producing appliances that are not properly installed and maintained regularly. Use manufacturer's recommendation for maintenance

- **Never** block or close a source of combustion air to a heat-producing appliance
- **Never** close a damper to fireplace unless the fire is completely out
- **Never** operate a furnace without the fan compartment door in place

*** Vehicle exhaust is responsible for more than half of unintentional carbon monoxide deaths each year.**

If you suspect your natural gas appliances are emitting carbon monoxide, call your local dealer or Intermountain Gas Company office. Carbon monoxide detectors should meet Underwriters Laboratory 2034-98 and / or IAS6-96 standards.

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