

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



CAN'T BE SEEN



CAN'T BE SMELLED



CAN'T BE HEARD



CAN BE STOPPED

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING WHILE YOU PROTECT THEM FROM THE COLD.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that kills without warning. It claims the lives of hundreds of people every year and makes thousands more ill. Many household items including gas- and oil-burning furnaces, portable generators, and charcoal grills produce this poison gas. Keep your family safe by following these steps:

- Install battery-operated CO detectors on every level of your home and within 10 feet of bedroom doors.
- Check CO detectors regularly to be sure they are functioning properly.
- Have your furnace inspected every year.
- Only use portable generators outside, more than 20 feet away from the home, doors and windows.
- Never use a generator inside your home or garage, even if doors and windows are open.

Common symptoms of CO poisoning include headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, and vomiting, and may include chest pain, confusion and unconsciousness. If you suspect poisoning, or if your detector sounds an alarm, get fresh air immediately and call for help to WG+E Dispatch at 413-572-0000, or 911. Visit our website at www.wgeld.org for more information.