## CARBON MONOXIDE DO'S AND DON'TS

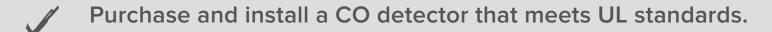
Carbon monoxide (CO) is a tasteless, odorless, and colorless gas known as the "silent killer." Each year, more than 400 Ameri**cans** die from unintentional CO than poisoning, more **20,000** visit the emergency than room and **more 4,000** are hospitalized due to CO poisoning.

CO is produced by common household appliances. When not properly ventilated, carbon monoxide emitted by these appliances can build up.

Anyone can be at risk for carbon monoxide exposure.



## DO'S





Read and follow all instructions that accompany fuel-burning devices.

Pay attention to symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, nausea, etc.



## **DON'TS**

- Ever cook or heat a grill indoors even if you put it inside the fireplace.
- Run vehicles in the garage even if the door is open. CO can accumulate quickly and enter your home.
- X Use fuel-powered machines or tools in building or semi-closed spaces.
- X Use gas stoves or ovens to heat your home.
- X Use an un-vented kerosene space heater.
- Close the damper to the fireplace unless the fire is completely out and the coals are cold.



## IF YOU SUSPECT YOU HAVE CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING, LEAVE THE AFFECTED AREA RIGHT AWAY, CALL 911 OR GO TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM.

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