

SILENT BUT DEADLY

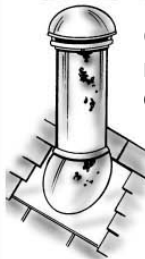


Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odourless gas that can quickly kill you.

Have your furnace and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year and install a carbon monoxide alarm.

The Facts About Carbon Monoxide

CHECK YOUR CHIMNEY



Check your chimney regularly for signs of damage or corrosion.



Have all chimneys cleaned and inspected every year to prevent a build-up of deadly carbon monoxide.

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Key Messages:

- ✓ **Carbon Monoxide (CO) is produced when fuels such as propane, gasoline, natural gas, heating oil or wood have insufficient air to burn completely. This can occur in any appliance or device that burns these fuels such as furnaces, fireplaces, hot water heaters or stoves.**
- ✓ **Other common causes of CO are cars left running in attached garages; barbecues operated inside; kerosene heaters that are improperly vented; or chimneys or vents that are dirty or plugged.**
- ✓ **Prevent CO build-up by having furnaces and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year.**
- ✓ **Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea and dizziness, as well as confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness and death.**
- ✓ **Installing a CO alarm in the home will alert occupants to the presence of this deadly gas. If only one alarm is being installed, locate it near sleeping areas. Additional alarms should be located in or adjacent to rooms with fuel-burning appliances.**
- ✓ **If someone in the household is experiencing symptoms of CO poisoning, get everyone out of the home immediately. Call the fire department or 911 from outside the home.**



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Fact

Carbon monoxide is an invisible, tasteless and odourless gas that can be fatal .

