

# CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Who needs a CO detector?

Any home burning fossil fuels, wood burning fireplaces, or stoves. (I.e. gas, or oil furnaces, gas cooking stoves, kerosene heaters, fireplaces, and ETC)

What is Carbon Monoxide (CO)?

Carbon monoxide is a odorless, colorless gas produced by burning fossil fuels.(fossil fuels shall include natural gas, coal, kerosene, oil, propane, and wood etc) Exposure to lower levels of CO over several hours can be just as dangerous as exposure to higher levels for a few minutes.

Who is at risk? Those most at risk are: Children, Elderly, and People with lung or heart disease, pregnant women.

Signs and symptoms of CO poisoning include: Headache, fatigue, sleepiness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, confusion, trouble breathing.

**IF PROLONGED EXPOSURE CONTINUES, LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, COMA and ULTIMATELY DEATH WILL OCCUR!**

Do you have any of these fuel burning appliances? Gas Furnace, gas water heater, fireplace, wood burning stove, gas range or oven, gas dryers, kerosene heaters, charcoal or gas grills, lawn mowers, snow blower, chain saw.

Dangerous levels of carbon monoxide can occur if these appliances are improperly installed or maintained, damaged, malfunction or improperly used/ventilated. Furnaces, water heaters, wood stoves and chimneys should be checked yearly by a professional service. This is to ensure proper function and ventilation. Yard equipment or charcoal/gas grilles should never be used or operated indoors.

What you should do if your CO detector goes off: Ventilate the house and get out, turn of all fuel burning appliances as you leave if possible, get fresh air, call 911, seek medical attention if you have signs and symptoms of CO

poisoning, don't go back into the building until cleared by the fire department.

