

Carbon Monoxide

A Silent Killer

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**Where does carbon monoxide come from
and what can I do to protect myself and my
family?**

Quick facts about carbon monoxide

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is produced by the incomplete combustion of carbon-containing fuels. It is a leading cause of poisoning and death in the United States. In 2005, approximately 1,500 people died from carbon monoxide poisoning, and another 15,000 were hospitalized. The cost of carbon monoxide poisoning is estimated to be \$5 billion annually. Carbon monoxide poisoning can cause a wide range of symptoms, including headache, dizziness, weakness, and confusion. In severe cases, it can lead to coma and death. Carbon monoxide poisoning is often mistaken for the flu or other common illnesses. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, it is important to seek medical attention immediately. Carbon monoxide detectors are available for purchase and can help to identify the presence of carbon monoxide in your home. Carbon monoxide poisoning is a preventable condition, and taking steps to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning can help to protect your health and the health of your family.

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Symptoms and PPMs

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