

CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon Monoxide is the silent killer of hundreds of people in the United States each year.

Carbon Monoxide can't be detected with your senses which make it particularly dangerous.



What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?

- Mild Exposure - Slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, flu-like symptoms
- Medium Exposure - Throbbing headache, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate, impaired vision and coordination, anxiety or depression
- Extreme Exposure - convulsions, unconsciousness, heart and lung failure, death

Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that's produced during incomplete combustion of any fuel like natural gas, charcoal, gasoline, kerosene, wood or propane. When there is enough fresh air in your home to allow for complete combustion and these appliances are vented and work properly the trace amounts of CO produced are not typically dangerous.

What can cause CO levels to rise quickly?

- Fuel-burning appliance malfunction - portable gas heater, wood burning fireplace, gas kitchen range or cooktop, gas clothes dryer
- Damaged or insufficient venting - corroded or disconnected water heater vent pipe, leaking or clogged chimney pipe or flu, cracked furnace heat exchanger
- Improper use of equipment - Using a barbeque grill in an enclosed porch. Operating a vehicle inside a closed area like a garage.

Simple steps to prevent CO poisonings in your home:

- Make sure your appliances (especially your furnace) are vented properly to the outdoors.
- Never leave your car or mower running in a closed garage or the CO will build up.
- Open windows and doors periodically to allow fresh air flow

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Gorge Rentals Property Management makes sure when a property is rented that there are working smoke and CO detectors within 15 feet of each bedroom per floor. Batteries are replaced just prior to a tenant moving into the property.

What is your responsibility as a tenant?

- Test CO alarms monthly. Learn how to test a [CO alarm](#).
- Maintain and replace batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not remove or tamper with a CO alarm.
- If the CO alarms fails to respond to your test promptly submit a Repair Request to Repair@GorgeRentals.com

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