

Take Control of Carbon Monoxide

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What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas. It is produced when fuels such as gasoline, oil, or wood do not have enough oxygen to burn completely.

During the winter, many Wisconsin residents turn on their furnaces, which may result in a rise of CO poisonings. Take extra precautions this winter to prevent CO poisoning!

Symptoms

- Severe headaches
- Vomiting
- Sleepiness



- Nausea
- Dizziness

Unlike flu symptoms, there is no fever with CO poisoning. Symptoms tend to clear up when people go outside and breathe fresh air.

Prevention

- Install carbon monoxide detectors on every floor of your home
- Never leave a car running in an attached garage
- Never burn a charcoal grill indoors or in a garage
- Don't sleep in any room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater
- Don't use a gas oven to heat your home
- Keep all chimneys and flues free of waste and in proper working order



- Don't use gasoline-powered engines (for example, lawn mowers, and snow blowers) in enclosed spaces such as inside houses, garages, and sheds

If you suspect CO poisoning, get into fresh air immediately. For additional guidance, call the Wisconsin Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222.