

Carbon Monoxide Can Kill



Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas that you cannot see, smell, or taste.

Carbon monoxide is made when fuels don't burn completely, like propane, wood, oil, charcoal, gasoline, etc. Heaters, furnaces, wood stoves, grills, and motor vehicles can give off carbon monoxide. It is dangerous to use these things in closed spaces.

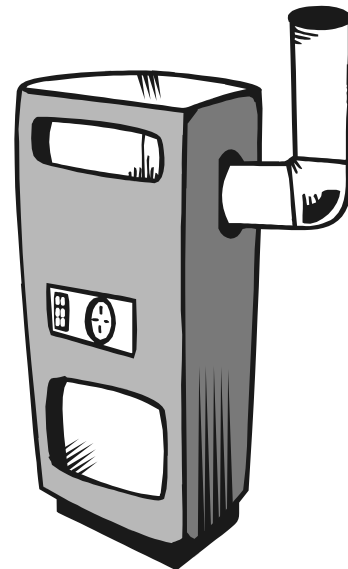
If the carbon monoxide cannot get out, it can build up and cause carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide poisoning can make you sick or even kill you.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Having a headache
- Having trouble breathing
- Feeling dizzy
- Feeling sick to your stomach
- Feeling tired
- Being confused
- Not being able to wake up

Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Have heating and vent systems cleaned and inspected every year by a professional.
- Never burn charcoal indoors.
- Never use a charcoal or gas grill to cook inside your home.
- Never use a stove, oven, or grill to heat your home.
- Make sure vents and chimneys are not blocked.
- Never leave a car running inside a garage.
- Do not use portable generators inside your home.



Carbon Monoxide Detectors Keep You Safe



Carbon monoxide detectors make a loud sound to warn you when there is too much carbon monoxide in your home.

- Have at least one carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home and outside each sleeping area.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors on the lower part of the wall.
- Test carbon monoxide detectors every week.

If your carbon monoxide detector makes a loud sound, get everyone out of the home immediately. Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number for help **AFTER** you escape.

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Check What You Know

Instructions: Circle the best answer for each question.
Find the answers on page 3.

1. Where in your home should you have a carbon monoxide detector?
 - a. On every level of your home and outside of each sleeping area.
 - b. Only in the garage.
 - c. You should not have carbon monoxide detectors in your home.
 - d. Install carbon monoxide detectors on the ceiling.

2. It is dangerous to use things that produce carbon monoxide in _____ spaces.
 - a. ventilated
 - b. open
 - c. outdoor
 - d. closed

3. How often should you test your carbon monoxide detectors?
 - a. Every month
 - b. Every week
 - c. Two times every year
 - d. Never

4. Carbon monoxide detectors make a loud sound to tell you if there is _____.
 - a. no carbon monoxide in your home.
 - b. too much carbon monoxide in your home.
 - c. smoke in your home.
 - d. none of the above

5. Which of the following can cause carbon monoxide poisoning?
 - a. using a charcoal grill to cook inside your home
 - b. starting a car inside the garage
 - c. using your oven to heat your home
 - d. all of the above

Carbon Monoxide Word Search Key

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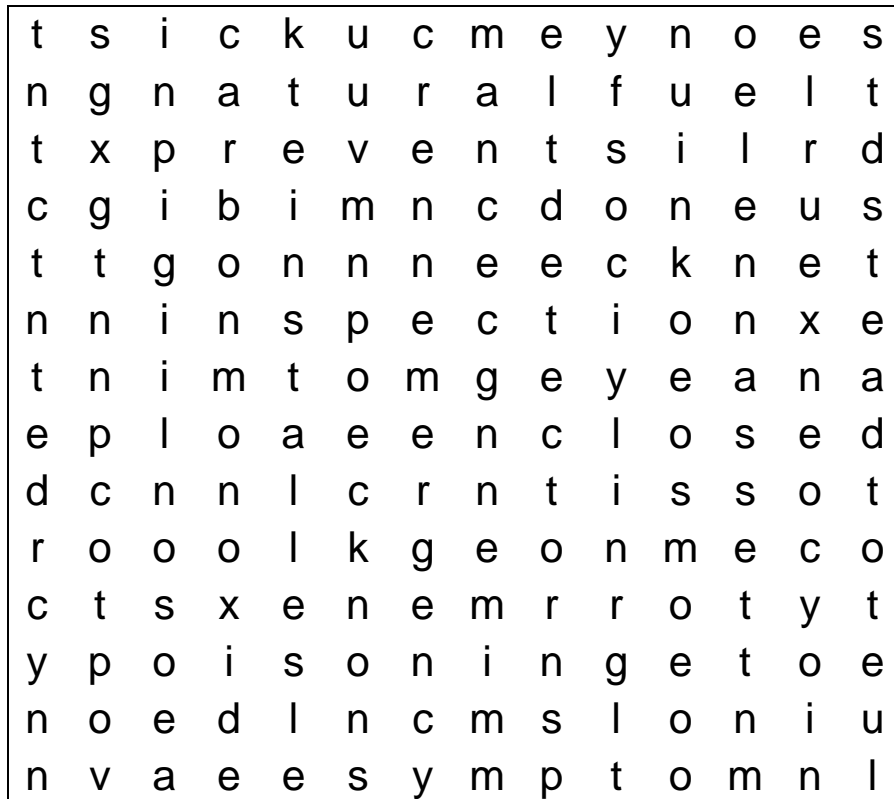
Word Search

Instructions: Find the words in the list in the puzzle below
Find the answers on page 2.

carbon monoxide
detector
prevent
poisoning

inspection
symptom
emergency
sick

natural fuel
vents
enclosed
install



Check What You Know! Answer Key: 1) a 2) d 3) b 4) b 5) d