



Install a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home.

# Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Tips

## The Silent Killer

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas that you cannot see, taste, or smell. It is created when burning a fuel such as gasoline, propane, natural gas, oil, wood, or charcoal. Each year, over 150 children in the United States die due to CO poisoning, and more than 20,000 children visit the emergency room.

## Facts

- From 2023 to 2025, there were 17 deaths and 65 injuries related to carbon monoxide poisoning in Pennsylvania.
- A 2024 survey found that only 55 percent of households across the U.S. had a CO alarm.

Find out how to keep your kids safe from carbon monoxide (see back)



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# What You Need to Know to Keep Your Kids Safe from Carbon Monoxide

## Symptoms

- Headache, dizziness, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, and confusion
- In severe cases, it can lead to loss of consciousness or even death.



## Prevention

- Install a CO alarm on every level of your home, at least 15 feet away from fuel-burning appliances.
- Test your CO detector monthly and replace every 5-7 years depending on the manufacturer's label.
- Do not use a grill, generator, or camping stove inside your home or garage.
- Do not leave a car, SUV, or motorcycle engine running inside a garage.
- Have all fuel-burning appliances inspected by a technician every year.
- Never use a stove to heat your home.

## Get Up and Out

- If the alarm goes off, immediately leave your house. Make sure everyone in your home gets outside safely.
- Call 911 and remain outside until emergency personnel arrive.



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