



Upper Chichester Township Fire Marshal

CARBON MONOXIDE

What is Carbon Monoxide ?

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless deadly gas. Because you can not see, taste, or smell it, Carbon Monoxide can kill you before you know it is present.

Who is at risk ?

Everyone is at risk for (CO) poisoning. Experts believe, however, that individuals with greater oxygen requirements such as unborn babies, infants, children, senior citizens, and people with coronary or respiratory problems are at greater risk.

Why is Carbon Monoxide so dangerous ?

The great danger of (CO) is its attraction to hemoglobin in the bloodstream, (CO) is breathed in through the lungs and bonds with hemoglobin in the blood, displacing the oxygen cells need to function.

Where does Carbon Monoxide come from ?

(CO) is a byproduct of combustion, present whenever fuel is burned. It is product by common home appliances, such as gas or oil furnaces, refrigerators or gas clothes dryers, gas water heaters, fireplaces, charcoal grills, gas rangers, wood burning stoves, and kerosene space heaters. Fumes from any running vehicle. (CO) can enter a home through walls or doorways if a vehicle, or generator is left running in a attached garage.

Common Sources of (CO) poisoning ?

Blocked, clogged, or vent pipe, flue not connected to chimney. Cracked heat exchanger . Kerosene space heater. Gas, propane, or wood burning stoves, or fireplaces. Improperly installed gas kitchen range. Gas clothes dryer. Operating barbecue grill in enclosed area such as a porch, or garage. Generator running in an enclosed area such as porch, basement, or garage. Vehicle running inside of a garage.

Feeling ill or exhibiting any of these symptoms you may be affected by Carbon Monoxide

Headache, Dizziness, Confusion, Nausea, Fatigue, Breathing problems
Do you feel better when you go outside of the building ?

In Upper Chichester Township every home, apartment, condo will have at
least one Carbon Monoxide Detector.

Cabin, travel trailer, van, RV, boat that is sleep on or in should have at least
one Carbon Monoxide Detector.