

EXPOSING THE INVISIBLE KILLER



Each year in America, carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning claims approximately 165 lives and sends another 10,000 people to hospital emergency rooms for treatment.



FACTS

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and toxic gas.

It is impossible to see, taste or smell the toxic fumes.

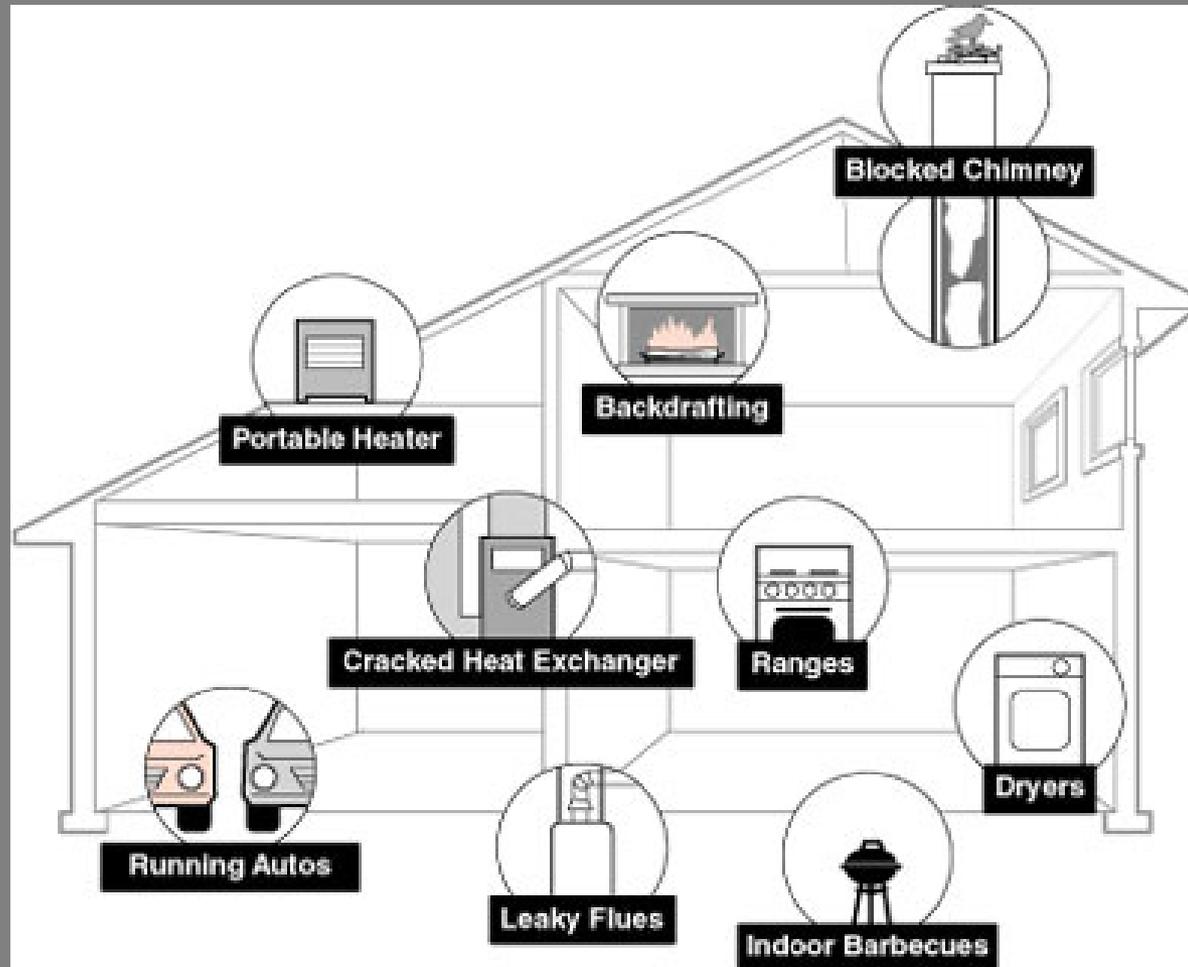
CO can kill you before you are aware it is in your home.

Lower levels of exposure causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu. Symptoms include:

- Headaches
- Dizziness
- Disorientation
- Nausea
- Fatigue



Carbon monoxide gas can come from several sources.





SAFETY TIPS

Install at least one listed carbon monoxide alarm with an audible warning signal near the sleeping areas and outside individual bedrooms.

Have a qualified professional check all fuel burning appliances, furnaces, venting and chimney systems at least once a year.

When purchasing an existing home, have a qualified technician evaluate the integrity of the heating and cooking systems.

ACTION STEPS



If no one is feeling ill:

- Silence the alarm
- Turn off all appliances and sources of combustion (i.e. furnace & fireplace)
- Ventilate the house with fresh air by opening doors and windows
- Call a qualified professional to investigate the source of the possible carbon monoxide (CO)

ACTION STEPS



If illness is a factor:

- Evacuate all occupants immediately
- Determine how many occupants are ill and determine their symptoms.
- Dial 911 and report the number of people feeling ill.
- Do not re-enter the home without approval of a fire department representative
- Call a qualified professional to investigate the source of the possible carbon monoxide (CO)