

CARBON MONOXIDE

The Silent Killer

FACTS

Carbon monoxide poisoning kills 300 Canadians a year and sends about 200 people to hospital.¹ In the period between 2003 to 2014, 3,027 hospitalizations in Canada had CO poisoning suspected as at least part of the diagnosis.²

WHY IT IS SO DANGEROUS



- It is invisible, colourless, odourless and toxic.



- It can be anywhere-office, home, garage, RV/camper.



- It is caused by incomplete burning of common fuels and combustible materials, produced by all fuel burning appliances as well as vehicle exhaust fumes, tobacco smoke and generators.



- The risk of CO poisoning increases in winter when we use heat more and keep spaces tightly closed.

HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

- Place your detectors strategically: on every floor, near bedrooms, and in the garage or office space.
- Change the batteries in your CO detector every six months.
- If you don't have a battery-powered or battery back-up CO detector, buy one.
- Replace your CO detector every 5 years.
- Make sure your gas appliances are vented properly and checked annually by a certified technician.
- If you suspect CO poisoning, call 911 immediately.



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