

What are some signs of CO build-up?

- The air in your house is stuffy.
- There is excessive moisture on windows and walls.
- There is a buildup of soot around appliances and vents.
- There is a yellow flame in a natural gas appliance instead of a blue one.
- Your pilot light keeps going out.
- More than one person of your household is feeling ill.
- Persons feel ill at home and better when they are away from the house for awhile.



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**CARBON
MONOXIDE
(CO)
POISONING**



What is carbon monoxide poisoning?

Carbon monoxide is an odourless, colourless, tasteless, deadly gas created when fuels, such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and oil, burn incompletely. Elevated levels of carbon monoxide can cause illness or death before people even know it is there.



How do I prevent carbon monoxide poisoning?

- 1 Have a CSA approved carbon monoxide detector installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. A carbon monoxide detector will alert you if dangerous levels of carbon monoxide are accumulating. If your carbon monoxide alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location (outdoors or by an open window or door) and call 9-1-1.
- 2 Have your heating equipment, like furnaces and fireplaces, serviced each year by a licensed contractor.
- 3 Make sure that your furnace and water heater pipes are in good condition.
- 4 Make sure all furnace panels or grills are in place and the fan compartment door is secured.
- 5 Make sure that your chimneys and flue vents are not blocked by debris, frost or snow.
- 6 Have your fuel-burning appliances, like water heaters, gas ranges, gas clothes dryers or gas fuelled portable heaters properly installed, maintained and inspected by a licensed contractor.
- 7 Never use a gas barbecue indoors.
- 8 Never run your vehicle in the garage, even if the garage door is open.
- 9 Never run a generator in your home, garage or crawl space. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent carbon monoxide build-up in the home.
- 10 Never use a gas range, oven or dryer for heating.
- 11 Never start lawn mowers or snow blowers inside an enclosed space.

