

# Keep Your Home & Family Safe

## Install Carbon Monoxide Alarms



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**Carbon monoxide**, also known as the silent killer, is a trending topic and fire departments throughout the country are urging residents to install carbon monoxide alarms in their homes.



**King the CO safety dog says...**  
Install carbon monoxide alarms  
and be CO safe!  
**Woof!**



# CARBON MONOXIDE

## FAST FACTS

**Carbon monoxide poisoning** is often misdiagnosed because it can easily be confused with other common illnesses, as the symptoms are nonspecific and the blood test confirming carbon monoxide poisoning is highly time-sensitive. A person can be poisoned by a small amount of carbon monoxide over a long period of time or by a large amount of carbon monoxide over a short amount of time.

### Carbon Monoxide Safety Checklist:

- ✓ Leave your home immediately and call 911 or your local fire department if you suspect a leak or experience symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ✓ Have your appliances inspected annually with an electronic sensor.
- ✓ Have a carbon monoxide alarm is near each fuel-burning appliance, on every floor, and outside bedrooms.
- ✓ Replace carbon monoxide alarms approximately every 5-7 years (per manufacturer recommendations).
- ✓ Look for signs of carbon monoxide leaks (soot or black residue on appliances or above a fireplace).
- ✓ Never leave any vehicle idling in the garage.
- ✓ Do not use outdoor appliances indoors or near open windows (grill, generator, gas lantern).
- ✓ Carry a CO detector that goes to 0 ppm if you're vulnerable (children, pregnant women, elderly, etc). Carbon monoxide alarms are life safety devices designed to to go off at 70 ppm+.

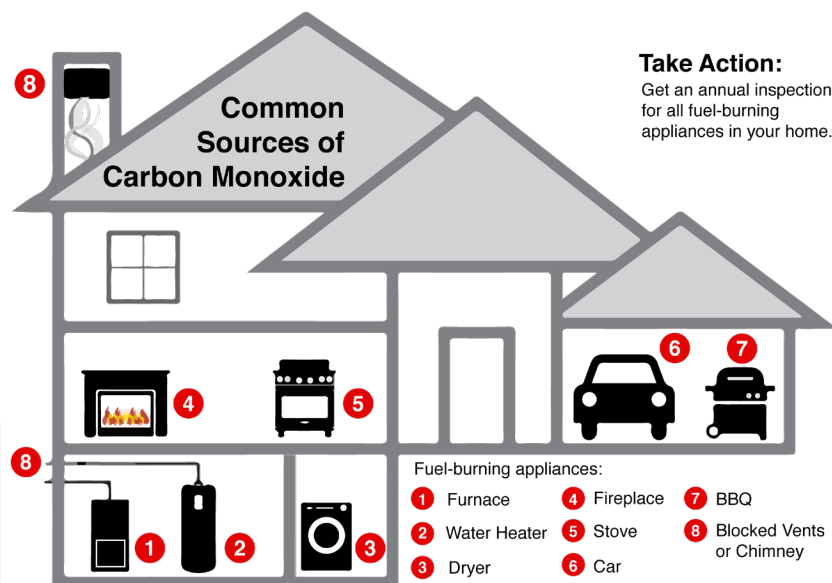
Only **14%**  
of homes have properly functioning CO alarms.

### Poisoning Symptoms:

Carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms are similar to other, more common illnesses such as:

- Hangover
- Stress
- Learning Disabilities
- COVID-19
- Respiratory Illnesses
- Alzheimer's
- Food Poisoning
- Flu
- Depression
- Heart Disease
- Parkinson's

Symptoms vary depending on the individual person and how long they were exposed.



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