

PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY FROM CARBON MONOXIDE



You can't [smell it](#), [taste it](#) or [see it](#), but it's out there. Carbon monoxide is the number one cause of accidental poisonings in the United States. In California, a residential property with a fossil fuel burning heater, fireplace or attached garage is required to keep their family safe with a carbon monoxide detector.

SOUND THE ALARM

Install a carbon monoxide detector on each floor of your home. If you only have one detector, keep it close to where people sleep so it will be heard when the alarm goes off. Do not place detectors near flames.

When the alarm does go off, get everyone out of the house. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include:

- severe headaches;
- dizziness;
- confusion;
- nausea; or
- faintness.

Don't enter the home until after you've called 911 and emergency responders clear the area.

Important note: A carbon monoxide detector does NOT replace a smoke detector. Residential properties require both!

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SAFETY FIRST

Reliable carbon monoxide detectors cost between \$30-\$50 at hardware stores. Detectors are typically plugged in, but purchase one with a battery backup, just in case of a power outage. Perform weekly checks to ensure all detectors are fully functional.

Prevent the risk of a carbon monoxide build-up after burning any type of fuel by following this list of DON'Ts:

- DON'T idle your car in a garage;
- DON'T use a gas oven to heat your home;
- DON'T use appliances indoors that don't vent fumes outside; and
- DON'T ignore the signs of CO poisoning.