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WHAT IS CO?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous, colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas.

SYMPTOMS AND FIRST AID INFORMATION

Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause flu-like symptoms, including headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea and loss of muscle control. Prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide can lead to serious illness and even death.

Treatment: There are immediate measures you can take to help those suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning. Get the victim into fresh air immediately. If you cannot get the people out of the house, open all windows and doors immediately. Any combustion appliances should be turned off. Take those who were subjected to carbon monoxide to a hospital emergency room as quickly as possible.

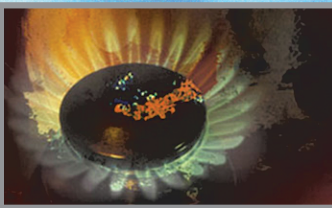
GETTING GAS EQUIPMENT INSPECTED / CO DETECTORS

Protection is as easy as having your heating system, chimney flues and vents checked once a year by a professional to ensure a clean burning flame as shown above. Take protection to the next level by installing a carbon monoxide alarm. A CO alarm can provide some added protection, but it is no substitute for proper use and upkeep of appliances that can produce CO. Install a CO alarm in the hallway near every separate sleeping area of the home. Make sure the alarm cannot be covered up by furniture or draperies.

WHO TO CONTACT



Clean burning flame.



A contaminated flame leads to impure burning.

If you think you are experiencing any of the symptoms of CO poisoning, get outside to fresh air immediately. Leave the home and call your fire department (911) to report your symptoms from a neighbour's home. You could lose consciousness and die if you stay in the home. It is also important to contact a doctor immediately for a proper diagnosis. Tell your doctor that you suspect CO poisoning is causing your problems. If the doctor confirms CO poisoning, make sure a qualified service person checks the appliances for proper operation before reusing them.



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