

# CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas, which makes it so deadly. The Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that nearly 200 people per year die of carbon monoxide poisoning and another 5,000 are injured.

## **SOURCES OF CARBON MONOXIDE:**

- Fuel fired furnaces (non-electric)
- Gas water heaters
- Fireplaces and wood stoves
- GAS STOVES
- Gas dryers
- CHARCOAL GRILLS
- Lawnmowers, snowblowers, and other yard equipment
- AUTOMOBILES

## **SYMPTOMS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING:**

- Headache (mild to severe)
  - Nausea
  - Dizziness
- (Flu-like symptoms)

Symptoms depend on level of exposure, duration of exposure, and health and age of individual.

## **HOW TO PREVENT CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING:**

1. Install carbon monoxide detectors in multiple locations in your home
2. Have gas appliances, furnaces, and fireplaces checked frequently by a professional for leaks, blocked vents, or malfunctions.

Carbon monoxide detectors can be purchased for a low cost at these locations in Manhattan:

Wal-Mart	628 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
K-Mart	401 E. Poyntz Ave.
Ace Hardware	800 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
True Value Hardware	Westloop Shopping Center

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