

CARBON MONOXIDE

BEFORE YOU BUY:

- Make sure the carbon monoxide detector has been tested for safety by looking for the (UL) symbol.
- The easiest to install is a carbon monoxide detector that plugs into an electrical outlet. Be sure there is a battery backup in case the power goes out.
- You can also buy combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Look for the (UL) symbol on these, as well.

INSTALLING AND MAINTAINING:

- Have at least one carbon monoxide detector on every floor and install them near sleeping areas. Place them at least 15 feet away from any fuel-burning appliances, like stoves and water heaters.
- Test your carbon monoxide detectors every month.
- Replace the batteries in each carbon monoxide detector every year, or when the battery is low. Most carbon monoxide detectors will alert you when the battery is low by chirping.
- Replace your carbon monoxide detectors every 5 - 7 years, based on what the manufacturer recommends. Check your owner's manual for specific care instructions.
- If the carbon monoxide detector sounds, get everybody outside quickly, and head to your family meeting place. Once outside, call 911 and wait until the fire department tells you it is safe to go back inside.

CAUSES:

- If you use appliances or equipment that burns fuel (gas, wood, charcoal, kerosene), and they are not working properly, carbon monoxide can build up in your home.
- Do not use your stove to heat your home.
- Move all grills, generators and camping stoves to the outside of your home or garage, and away from open windows.
- Do not let your car warm up in a garage, even if the garage door is open. Always start it up and pull out of the garage.
- Make a yearly appointment to have fuel-burning appliances, like your furnace, fireplace and chimney, inspected by a certified technician.
- Clear all debris and snow, so it doesn't block the vents from your dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace.

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Developed in partnership with the safety experts at Nationwide Children's Hospital, the app helps you make your home safer. Get room-by-room safety checklists, link to recommended products, and set reminders.



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