

CARBON MONOXIDE THE INVISIBLE KILLER

CARBON MONOXIDE

IS PRODUCED BY THE INCOMPLETE BURNING OF VARIOUS FUELS (COAL, WOOD, CHARCOAL, OIL, KEROSENE, PROPANE, NATURAL GAS) AND IS UNDETECTABLE TO THE HUMAN SENSES.

BETWEEN **1999 - 2010**

5,149 DEATHS

OCCURED IN THE U.S. FROM **ACCIDENTAL CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING**

CO POISONING

AN AVERAGE OF 450 **DEATHS A YEAR**

MEN AND WOMEN

65+YEARS

ARE MORE AT RISK OF DEATH

AFFECTS



LEADING CAUSES OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

FAULTY, IMPROPERLY-USED OR INCORRECTLY-VENTED FUEL-BURNING APPLIANCES





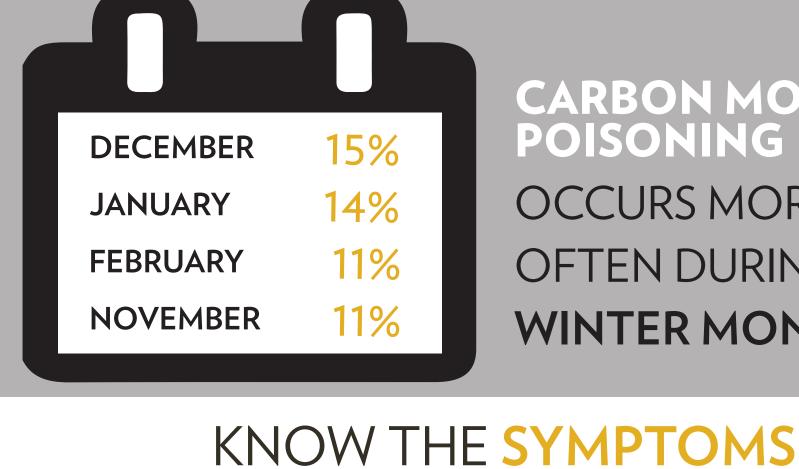
FURNACES





STOVES





CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING **OCCURS MORE**

OFTEN DURING WINTER MONTHS

HEALTH EFFECTS OF CO DEPEND ON THE CO CONCENTRATION AND LENGTH OF EXPOSURE. AS WELL AS EACH INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH CONDITION.

EARLY SYMPTOMS

FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS | HEADACHE | FATIGUE | NAUSEA | SHORTNESS OF BREATH

HIGH LEVEL SYMPTOMS

MENTAL CONFUSION | VOMITING | LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

LOSS OF MUSCULAR COORDINATION | DEATH





- Have a working and properly installed CO alarm with backup battery in hallways near sleeping areas.
 - Never ignore CO alarm. Do not try to find the source.
 - Test alarms and replace batteries yearly.

Immediately move outisde and call 911.

- Have all fuel burning home heating systems inspected and serviced annually.
- Never operate portable gas powered generator in or near an enclosed space.
- Never use charcoal grill in or near a house or garage.
- Never use gas range or oven to heat a home or business.
- Never start your car in an enclosed space, such as an attached garage.

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