

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless and tasteless poisonous gas that occurs when fuels are not completely burned during the combustion process. Any device that burns fuel can produce carbon monoxide fumes. This includes items such as gas appliances, grills, fireplaces, motor vehicles and generators. The two most common causes of CO poisoning are malfunctioning heaters and generators that are running in poorly ventilated spaces.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is often mistaken for the flu. Symptoms may include headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning. Experts believe that young children and senior citizens are at even greater risk for CO poisoning.

If you have gas appliances you should be thinking of installing a CO detector.

Any questions about the carbon monoxide detector program can be directed to the Fire Inspector or the Fire Chief at 727-893-1062.