

# CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)

## A SILENT KILLER

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, and tasteless gas.



Colourless

Odourless

Tasteless

It can only be detected using a specialized device.

Even a small amount can be hazardous to your health.

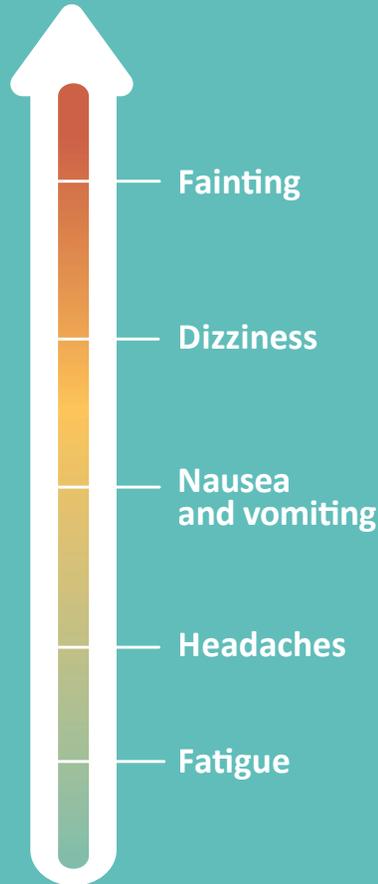
Anyone who breathes in carbon monoxide can quickly become ill. This is called poisoning.

### What to do in the event of poisoning?

- Go outside.
- Call 911.
- Wait for the fire department to arrive before going back inside.

## Symptoms of poisoning

CO poisoning can be fatal.



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## Where does CO come from?

Any appliances that burn gas, wood, propane, gasoline, or fuel oil.



Camping stoves



Barbecues



Generators



Gasoline-powered tools



Backup heating



Gas stoves



Furnaces



Fireplace



Cars

## Preventive measures

- Install a CO detector on each floor and near bedrooms.
- Test the detector regularly and change the batteries as recommended.
- Only use barbecues or camping stoves outdoors.
- Operate generators outdoors, away from doors and windows.
- Have appliances that burn gas, wood, propane, gasoline, or fuel oil checked annually by a specialist.