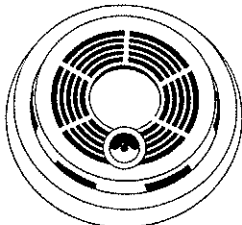


# CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS



Carbon Monoxide poisoning takes the lives of hundreds of people each year. Many of these deaths could have been prevented by installing a Carbon Monoxide alarm in the home.

- **What is Carbon Monoxide?**
  - Carbon Monoxide is an invisible gas.
  - Carbon Monoxide is an odorless gas.
- **Carbon Monoxide is produced by Burning:**
  - Wood
  - Coal
  - Charcoal
  - Natural Gas
  - Propane
  - Oil
  - Methane
  - Common Fuels
- **How does CO enter the body?**
  - By normal breathing!!
- **Installing Carbon Monoxide alarms in your home.**
  - Install a Carbon Monoxide alarm in the sleeping area of your home
  - Test your Carbon Monoxide alarm monthly
  - Be sure your family knows the sound of the Carbon Monoxide alarm.
- **What to do if your home Carbon Monoxide Alarm activates:**
  - Consider all activation real.
  - Stop what you are doing.
  - Turn off any appliances that have a flame or that could cause a fire when unattended
  - Immediately take your family to a fresh air location
  - Call for help – Dial 911
    - DO NOT RE-ENTER THE HOME UNTIL EMERGENCY PERSONNEL INSTRUCT YOU IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.....
- **Detectors**
  - Carbon Monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke / fire alarms!!!!

Many deaths have occurred from family members re-entering the home to find pets. As you exit the home, leave one of the doors open for the pet to find their way out, and call for them. NEVER RE-ENTER!!!!

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