

# SILENT BUT DEADLY

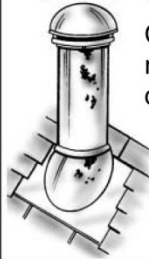


Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odourless gas that can quickly kill you.

It's the law in Ontario to install carbon monoxide alarms in all homes with a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage.

## The Facts About Carbon Monoxide

### CHECK YOUR CHIMNEY



Check your chimney regularly for signs of damage or corrosion.



Have all chimneys cleaned and inspected every year to prevent a build-up of deadly carbon monoxide.

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## Key Messages:

1. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is produced when fuels such as propane, gasoline, natural gas, heating oil or wood do not burn completely in fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, hot water heaters, clothes dryers, stoves, fireplaces, portable fuel-burning heaters and generators, gas and charcoal barbeques, and vehicles.
2. Prevent CO build-up. Get an annual inspection of all fuel-burning appliances in your home and ensure chimneys and vents are not blocked. Visit [COSafety.ca](http://COSafety.ca) to find a registered fuel contractor near you.
3. If your home has a fuel-burning appliance or attached garage, install a carbon monoxide alarm adjacent to each sleeping area.
4. If your condo or apartment building has a service room, carbon monoxide alarms must be installed in the service room and adjacent to each sleeping area of all condo/apartment units above, below and beside the service room.
5. If your condo/apartment building has a garage, carbon monoxide alarms must be installed adjacent to each sleeping area of all condo/apartment units above, below and beside the garage.
6. For added protection, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey of the home according to manufacturer's instructions.
7. Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms without the fever. If your CO alarm sounds, and you or other occupants suffer from symptoms of CO poisoning, get everyone out of the home immediately. Then call 9-1-1 or your local emergency services number from outside the building.
8. If your CO alarm sounds, and no one is suffering from symptoms of CO poisoning, check to see if the battery needs replacing, or the alarm has reached its "end-of-life" before calling 9-1-1.



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