



Carbon Monoxide

What is Carbon Monoxide?

- Carbon Monoxide is colorless, odorless, and tasteless.
- CO stands for carbon monoxide.

What are the facts?

- Children are more vulnerable to CO poisoning than adults.
- Every year more than 2,110 children ages 5 and under are poisoned by CO.
- In 2002, there were 6 reported deaths from CO poisoning in children ages 14 and under.
- In 2002, there were 2,125 CO poisoning cases reported for children ages 5 and under.

What are the symptoms? (Symptoms can mimic the flu)

- Headache
- Nausea and vomiting
- Weakness
- Fatigue
- Confusion
- Diarrhea

Prevention:

- Have your heating system serviced yearly.
- Install a CO detector in your home.
- Never operate gas-powered engines in confined spaces.
- Never use charcoal grills inside the home, outside an open window, or in an attached garage (even if the door is open).

If you suspect CO poisoning, call the Connecticut Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 immediately for instructions.



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