

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is very toxic. Follow these carbon monoxide safety tips to avoid dangerous situations.

INSTALL A BACKUP CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR

Many Tristate area homes already have a carbon monoxide (CO) detector. However, power outages and dead batteries can keep it from working, so make sure you have a battery-operated backup.





RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Exposure can cause a headache, shortness of breath, dizziness, and nausea. It can also lead to blurred vision, mental confusion, hallucinations, memory problems, and unconsciousness.

DON'T USE FUEL-GENERATED DEVICES INSIDE

Any device that runs on gas, charcoal, or wood creates carbon monoxide. Never use generators, heaters, grills, or other fuel-powered devices inside without proper ventilation.





GET REGULAR HVAC MAINTENANCE

A broken furnace or another HVAC device can leak carbon monoxide into your Tristate area home. Getting regular maintenance helps your HVAC contractor catch small issues before they turn into big leaks.

DON'T RUN VEHICLES INSIDE YOUR GARAGE

Even if the garage door is open, carbon monoxide can build up to unsafe levels when you run your vehicle in a closed space.





AVOID SETTING UP FUEL-POWERED DEVICES BY WINDOWS AND DOORS

When using generators or other combustion devices outside, make sure they're set up at least 20 feet away from doors, windows, and vents.



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