

Carbon Monoxide

As the weather is turning colder, we reach for the nearest space heater to keep warm and generators to keep the lights on. However, these tools can be the cause for Carbon Monoxide, or the silent killer.

Carbon monoxide is a product of fuel burning like propane which is commonly used in space heaters, lanterns and generators.

- Install working carbon monoxide detectors in you home and make sure that you change the batteries.
- Have your chimney, heating systems and any other gas appliances serviced every year.
- Follow the instructions on equipment, never use a generator inside and make sure to vent all gas appliances properly
- Do not let idle cars in the garage or ride motorcycles into the house.

Knowing how to prevent it is key to ensuring safety. However, in the even that a carbon monoxide sounds it's just as important to follow these instructions:

- Get outside as quickly as possible.
- Call 911 immediately
- Do not go back inside until the Fire department states it's ok.

Common symptoms of Carbon Monoxide poisoning include headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, confusion, nausea and vomiting. If you believe you or someone you know may have carbon monoxide poisoning be sure to let the dispatcher know when you call. For more information on carbon monoxide call the Pueblo Fire Department at 719-553-2830 or visit the <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/other-poisons/carbon-monoxide> .