

Safety Tips: Carbon Monoxide

Finally every home needs a working smoke detector and a carbon monoxide alarm. Have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.

Carbon Monoxide Dangers:

Fire officials would like to remind the Public to use caution when using their home heaters and fireplaces as temperatures begin to go down and have them checked and inspected for the dangerous release of carbon monoxide gas.

Signs of carbon monoxide poisoning, which include:

- Headaches
- Dizziness
- Fatigue
- Nausea

Carbon Monoxide poisoning may resemble flu like symptoms but without the fever. People may not be aware that the dangerous gas is overcoming them, as it is odorless, tasteless, and colorless until it's too late.

Fire officials recommend having a qualified professional inspect their heaters, furnaces, and fireplaces to make sure that they are in good working condition and all safety controls are working correctly.

Finally make sure they have a working carbon monoxide detector in their homes.