

Carbon monoxide response

Exercise extreme caution when responding to a carbon monoxide incident. CO is not only highly toxic, but also highly flammable. It will ignite when its concentration is 12 to 74 percent gas-in-air.

Proceed with caution—CO is highly toxic and flammable.

1. **Using your PPE and SCBA, your first step is to quickly evacuate the building**
2. **Depending on the CO concentration, harmful effects of the gas can occur in just a few minutes.**
If any occupants are exhibiting symptoms of CO poisoning, make sure they get fresh air and seek immediate medical attention. Common symptoms are headaches, fatigue, nausea and dizziness.
3. Next, you must **ventilate the building**.
4. Then, **shut off the natural gas** to the structure at the service valve **before the meter**.