

Carbon monoxide prevention tips for homeowners

Use these tips to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide accumulation in your home:

- **Never run a vehicle in an enclosed garage**—even with the door open!
- **Use generators outdoors only**, far from windows, doors and vents.
- **Check vents, flue pipes and chimneys periodically** for damage, gaps or blockages.
- **After insulating or remodeling a home**, make sure appliances and heating equipment still have adequate ventilation.
- **Keep the chimney damper or flue open** when the fireplace is used.
- **Make sure the clothes dryer is properly vented to the outside.** Keep the dryer vent free of lint and debris.
- **Use space heaters and other fuel-burning appliances properly.** Don't use barbecue grills indoors; never use the range or oven as a heater.
- **Hire only licensed contractors** to inspect and repair faulty appliances, piping and wiring.
- **Have a qualified professional thoroughly inspect and clean** your fuel-fired heating equipment and water heater at least once a year.
- **Install carbon monoxide detectors.** Position one detector in the hallway near every separate sleeping area of your home, and operate it according to manufacturers' instructions.