



CARBON MONOXIDE TIPS!

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- ◆ CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- ◆ Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- ◆ Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- ◆ Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- ◆ Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- ◆ If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- ◆ If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- ◆ If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- ◆ During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- ◆ A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- ◆ Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

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FIRE PROTECTION TIPS!

The [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 95 years, has announced "[Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen](#)" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 2020. NFPA's focus on cooking fire safety comes in response to home cooking fires representing the leading cause of U.S. home fires, with nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires involving cooking equipment; unattended cooking is the leading cause of these fires.

"Cooking continues to be a major contributor to the home fire problem," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "The good news is that the vast majority of these fires are highly preventable. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign works to better educate the public about where potential cooking hazards exist and basic but critical ways to prevent them."

Carli notes that this year's focus on cooking safety is particularly timely. "As the public may continue to avoid restaurants for some time and opt instead to do more cooking and entertaining at home, the potential for home cooking fires will likely increase as well."

Key messages around this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" will include the following:

- Keep a close eye on what you're cooking; never leave cooking unattended
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — at least three feet away from your stovetop.
- Be on alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen," along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.

As all of us continue to navigate the evolving situation with COVID-19, NFPA remains committed to supporting you with the resources you need to minimize risk and help prevent loss, injuries, and death from fire, electrical, and other hazards.

About Fire Prevention Week

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation declaring a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more safety information.