



Carbon Monoxide (CO) The Invisible Killer



CO is an invisible and odorless gas emitted by fuel-burning products, including generators, gas appliances, water heaters, furnaces, charcoal grills, and engine-driven tools.



Generators produce hundreds of times more CO than cars.



More than 100 consumers die each year from CO poisoning caused by portable generators.

African Americans are at Higher Risk for Generator-related CO Death



Percent of Population



Percent of CO Deaths

CO Alarms Save Lives



Install battery-operated CO alarms or CO alarms with battery backup in your home.

Don't be a Victim of CO Poisoning! Follow These Safety Tips:



- **Never operate a portable generator inside** a home, garage, basement, crawlspace, shed or on a porch; and never leave a car running in an attached garage.
- **Operate portable generators outside only, at least 20 feet away from the house, and direct the generator's exhaust away from the home and other buildings.**
- **Ask retailers for a portable generator with a safety feature to shut off automatically** when high CO concentrations are present. Some models with CO shut-off also have reduced emissions.
- **Never burn charcoal inside** a home, garage, vehicle, or tent.



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