

Prevention Quick Drills

POCKET TOOLS TRAINING

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PREVENTION TIPS

Fire Prevention Daily
Quick Drills - Easy Access
to Prevention Topics

Reference:

NFPA Fire Safety in
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Note:

Refer to:

www.nfpa.org/education
for more tips

CO Facts and Tips

Spend time to become familiar with the dangers of CO

CO is called the silent killer. It is a gas that is invisible, odorless, and colorless created when fuels such as gasoline, natural gas, propane, methane, oil, wood and coal are burned incompletely. When heating and cooking equipment in the home burn these fuels, CO can accumulate to dangerous levels.

FACTS:

- 1) Poisoning can occur from exposure by a small amount of CO over a long period of time or as easily as by exposure to a large amount over a short period of time. Exposure to undetected high levels of carbon monoxide can be fatal.
- 2) In 2005, fire departments responded to approximately 61,000 non-fire CO calls where CO was actually found. That is an average of 7 calls per hour.

TIPS:

- 1) Install CO alarms in a central location outside all sleeping areas and on every level of the residence and in any location as required by local laws and standards. Interconnect the alarms if possible so if one sounds, they all sound. Follow manufacturer's instructions for proper placement and height.
- 2) Choose a CO alarm that uses a recognized testing laboratory.
- 3) Find out what non-emergency number to call from the fire department when a CO alarm sounds.
- 4) CO alarms should be tested once a month and replaced according to manufacturer's instructions.
- 5) If the alarm sounds, check for a low battery. If low, replace it. If the alarm still sounds, call the appropriate number.
- 6) If the alarm does sound, move to fresh air outside, or near an open window or door. Account for everyone in the home. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay in the fresh air.
- 7) Do not turn on vehicles with the garage door closed. Do not run the vehicle or other fueled engines inside even if the garage doors are open. If a vehicle needs to be warmed, move it outside immediately after starting.
- 8) During and after a snow event, make sure the vehicle gas pipe is not clogged with snow. Clear dryer, stove, furnace and fireplace vents of any snow build-up.
- 9) When a generator is used, run it in a well-ventilated area outdoors and away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- 10) Use gas and charcoal grills only outside in well ventilated areas.
- 11) CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms and vice versa.



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