



CARBON MONOXIDE THE INVISIBLE KILLER

CARBON MONOXIDE

IS PRODUCED BY THE INCOMPLETE BURNING OF VARIOUS FUELS (COAL, WOOD, CHARCOAL, OIL, KEROSENE, PROPANE, NATURAL GAS) AND IS UNDETECTABLE TO THE HUMAN SENSES.

BETWEEN 1999 - 2010

5,149 DEATHS

OCCURED IN THE U.S. FROM ACCIDENTAL CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

CO POISONING

AFFECTS MORE MEN THAN WOMEN

AN AVERAGE OF **430** DEATHS A YEAR

MEN AND WOMEN

65+ YEARS

ARE MORE AT RISK OF DEATH

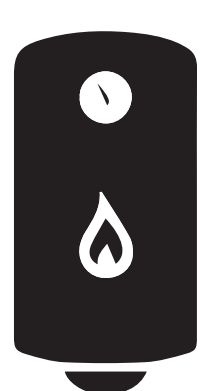


LEADING CAUSES OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

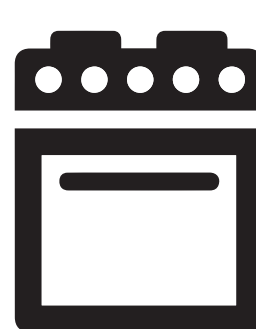
FAULTY, IMPROPERLY-USED OR INCORRECTLY-VENTED FUEL-BURNING APPLIANCES



FURNACES



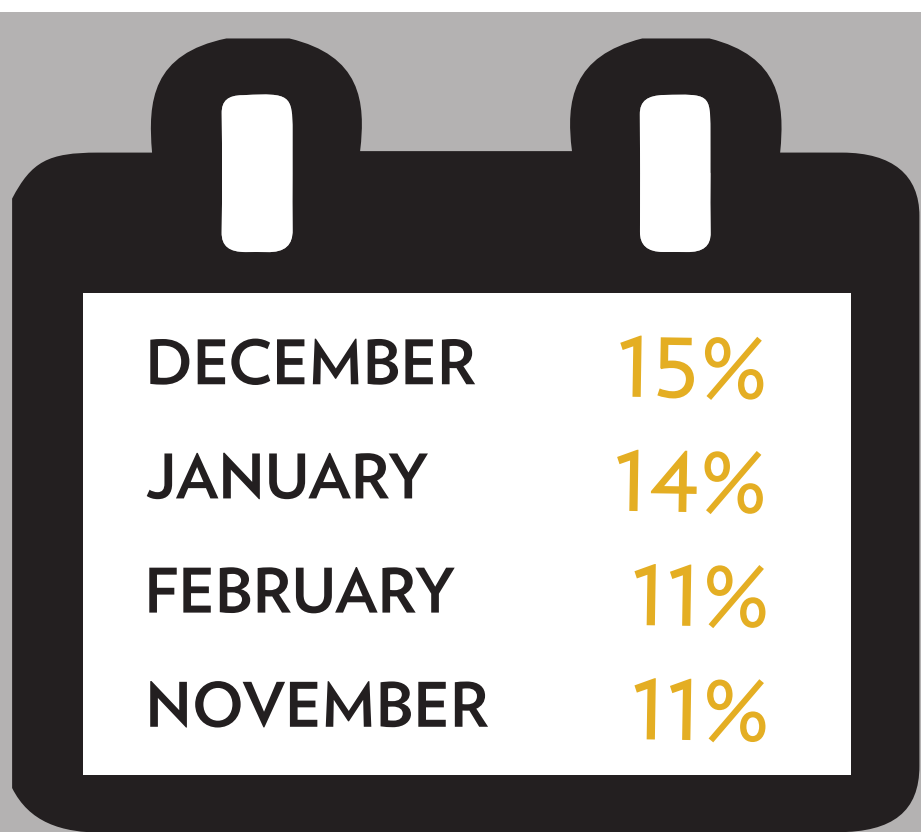
WATER HEATERS



STOVES



FIREPLACES



CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

OCCURS MORE OFTEN DURING WINTER MONTHS

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS

HEALTH EFFECTS OF CO DEPEND ON THE CO CONCENTRATION AND LENGTH OF EXPOSURE, AS WELL AS EACH INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH CONDITION.

EARLY SYMPTOMS

FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS | HEADACHE | FATIGUE | NAUSEA | SHORTNESS OF BREATH

HIGH LEVEL SYMPTOMS

MENTAL CONFUSION | VOMITING | LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS
LOSS OF MUSCULAR COORDINATION | DEATH



1 IN 10 HOMES ARE PROTECTED BY A WORKING CO ALARM



HOW CAN YOU KEEP YOURSELF SAFE?

- Have a working and properly installed CO alarm with backup battery in hallways near sleeping areas.
- Never ignore CO alarm. Do not try to find the source. Immediately move outside and call 911.
- Test alarms and replace batteries yearly.
- Have all fuel burning home heating systems inspected and serviced annually.
- Never operate portable gas powered generator in or near an enclosed space.
- Never use charcoal grill in or near a house or garage.
- Never use gas range or oven to heat a home or business.
- Never start your car in an enclosed space, such as an attached garage.