

# CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS

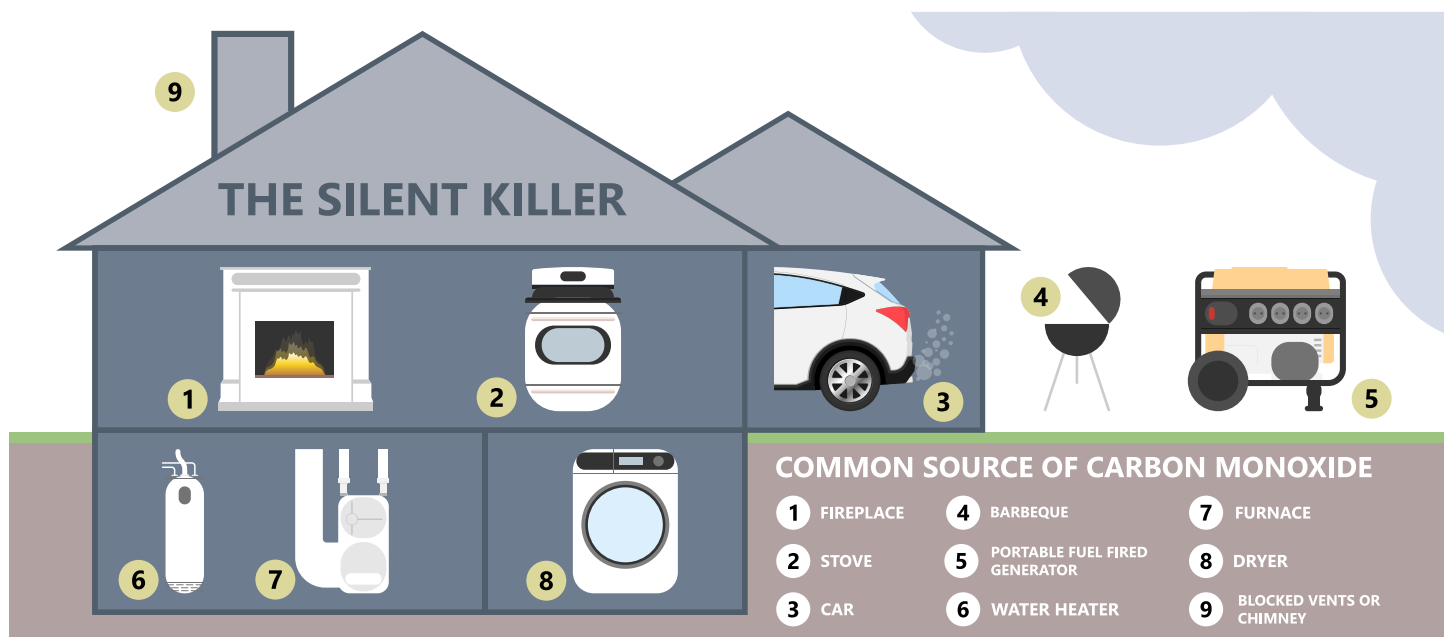
## WHAT IS CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)?

CO is known as the **SILENT** or **INVISIBLE KILLER** because we can't **SEE**, **SMELL** or **TASTE** it.



## **WARNING** What are the Potential Sources of CO?

Many Ontario homes have an average of 4-6 fuel burning appliances that produce carbon monoxide.



**Carbon monoxide exposure is dangerous to people and pets!**

In Ontario, over **65%** of all carbon monoxide deaths and injuries occur in homes.

## Signs and Symptoms of CO Poisoning



- Severe headaches
- Disorientation



- Nausea
- Vomiting



- Dizziness
- Confusion



- Fatigue
- Weakness



- Sleepiness
- Lack of consciousness

# TAKE ACTION

## Protect Yourself from Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning in Your Home



If your home contains a fuel burning appliance, fireplace or has an attached garage, a CO alarm is required — **IT'S THE LAW IN ONTARIO.**

### Install, Test and Maintain WORKING (CO) alarm(s).

	<p>✓ Install a <b>working</b> CO alarm beside <b>all</b> sleeping areas.</p>
	<p>✓ <b>Test alarms monthly</b>, press and hold the test button to hear the beep (alert) sound.</p>
	<p>✓ <b>Change the batteries once a year</b> or when you hear the low battery warning (chirp) sound. <b>Never wait!</b> Always test alarms after installing new batteries.</p>
	<p>✓ <b>Replace expired alarms.</b> Check for a replacement date or replace according to manufacturer's instructions.</p> <p>* <b>CO alarms lose their sensitivity over time - they don't last forever!</b></p>

### Know what to do when your CO alarm activates.

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**NEVER IGNORE** an alerting alarm OR try to find the source! **WHY?** It's warning **YOU** of a potential hazard in your home. **GET OUT, STAY OUT AND CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.**

Alarming

Exit home

Call 9-1-1



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