

# **City of Madison Fire Department**

## Community Education



#### Carbon Monoxide Fact Sheet

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas that is produced by the incomplete burning of solid, liquid, and gaseous fuels. Appliances fueled by gas, oil, kerosene, or wood may produce CO.

#### **Common CO sources in your home:**

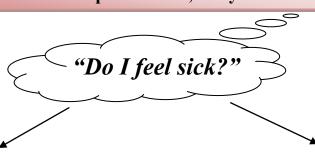
- ✓ Furnaces
- ✓ Stoves and ovens
- ✓ Water heaters
- ✓ Dryers
- ✓ Room/Space heaters
- ✓ Fireplaces and wood stoves
- ✓ Charcoal grills
- ✓ Automobiles

#### **Symptoms\* of CO poisoning:**

- ✓ Headache
- ✓ Nausea
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Dizziness
- ✓ Shortness of breath
- ✓ Sleepiness
- ✓ Confusion

## If a CO detector alarm sounds:

Do not panic! First, ask yourself...



### "Yes"

Immediately evacuate to a safe location and call 911.

The best initial treatment for CO exposure is fresh air followed by treatment from a physician.

#### *"No"*

The likelihood of serious exposure is greatly reduced.

- ✓ Turn off gas appliances
- ✓ Open doors and windows
- Contact your local gas utility company or a qualified heating and ventilating service.

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<sup>\*</sup>Symptoms are sometimes mistaken as the flu.