

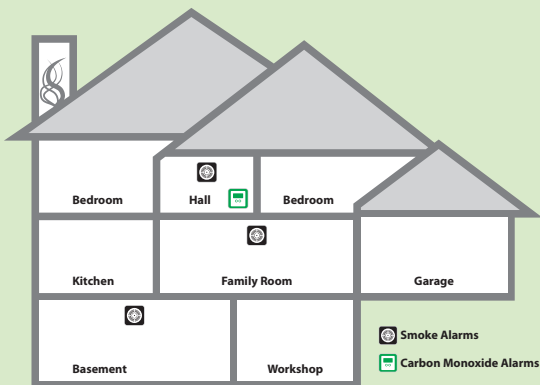


Carbon Monoxide

Provincial legislation requires that carbon monoxide alarms now be installed in all homes across Ontario;

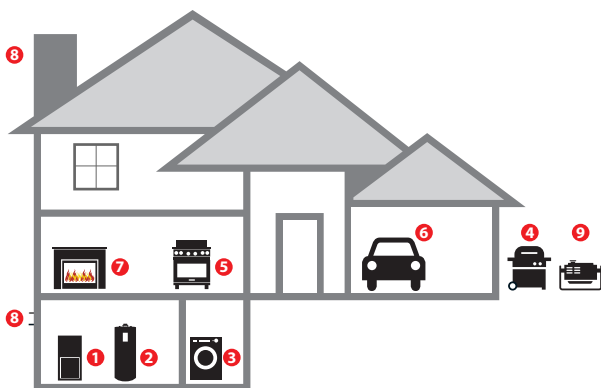
- **Adjacent to all sleeping areas in residential homes.**
- **In the service rooms and outside all sleeping areas adjacent to service rooms in multi-residential units.**

These carbon monoxide alarms can be hardwired, battery-operated or plugged into the wall.



Carbon Monoxide 101

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, tasteless and odourless gas produced when fuels such as propane, gasoline, natural gas, heating oil or wood have insufficient air to burn completely. This can happen in any appliance or device that burns these fuels including a:



1. Furnace
2. Hot water heater
3. Dryer
4. BBQ
5. Stove
6. Vehicle engine
7. Fireplace
8. Blocked vents or chimney
9. Portable generator

What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. High levels of CO inhalation can cause loss of consciousness and death. Unless suspected, CO poisoning can be difficult to diagnose because the symptoms mimic other illnesses.

What should I do if I am experiencing symptoms of CO poisoning and do not have a CO alarm, or my CO alarm is not going off?

If you think you are experiencing any of the symptoms of CO poisoning, get outside to fresh air immediately. Leave the home and call the fire department from a neighbour's home.

In case of emergency, call 9-1-1

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