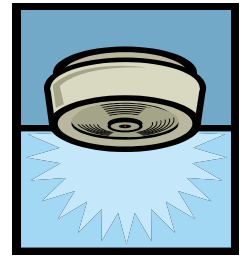


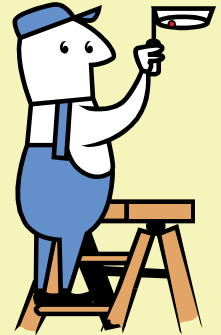
# Carbon Monoxide Safety



## Home Maintenance Series

### Make Sure to Install Your CO Detector Correctly:

- ✓ Install UL standard 2034 CO detectors in your home.
- ✓ Place at least one UL (Underwriters Laboratories) listed carbon monoxide alarm with an audible warning signal outside individual bedrooms, especially on the lowest floor which contains a sleeping area.
- ✓ Do not install a detector in a place that is near vents, flues or chimneys, in the kitchen.
- ✓ Do not place your detector near paint or paint thinner fumes or within 5 feet of any household chemicals.
- ✓ Avoid placing your detector directly on top of or directly across from fuel-burning appliances. These appliances will emit some CO when initially turned-on. Read the manufacturer's instructions carefully before installing a CO detector.
- ✓ Test CO alarms monthly if your detector is wired directly into your home's electrical system or weekly if it operates off of a battery. Make sure you replace the battery at least once a year and clean the alarms as indicated in the manufacturer's use and care booklet.
- ✓ Never allow anyone to "borrow" the battery from your detector. Like any appliance or power tool, a



### Know How to Respond to a CO Detector Alarm:

- ✓ Immediately open windows and doors for ventilation.
- ✓ Evacuate the house and call the fire department immediately if anyone in the home is experiencing symptoms of CO poisoning -- headache, dizziness or other flu-like symptoms.
- ✓ Continue to ventilate, turn off fuel-burning appliances if no one is experiencing any symptoms. Call a qualified technician to inspect your heating system and appliances as soon as possible.
- ✓ Do not operate any fuel-burning appliances until you clearly identified the source of the problem and had an expert check out the heating system.
- ✓ Never ignore the alarm.



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