









STORM PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

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CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

CO is an invisible, odorless and tasteless gas that can be deadly. Inhaling CO may cause fatigue, weakness, chest pains for people with heart disease, shortness of breath, stomach pain, vomiting, headaches, confusion, lack of coordination, vision problems, loss of consciousness, and in some cases, death.

 GENERATOR EXHAUST	Risk Factors for Exposure Include	 GAS AND CHARCOAL GRILL FUMES	 NAUSEA VOMITING	Poisoning Signs and Symptoms Include	 DIZZINESS WEAKNESS
	 VEHICLES USED INSIDE		 CHEST PAIN	 CONFUSION	 HEADACHE

*You can't see or smell carbon monoxide.
If you start to feel sick, dizzy or weak get to fresh air immediately.*

Portable Generators Produce High Levels of CO Very Quickly

Using generators indoors, including in your garage, can cause carbon monoxide to build up in your home and kill you and your loved ones.

- Use all gas-powered or charcoal burning equipment OUTSIDE ONLY, at least 20 feet away from doors, windows, vents, and air intakes.
- Always turn generators off and let them cool down before refueling.

CO Alarms Save Lives

- Install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery backup in your home.
- Test your CO alarms regularly.

CO Poisoning

If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, call 911 or the Florida Poison Information Center at 1-800-222-1222.

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