



CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY CHECKLIST

A Community Risk Reduction Document

EMERGENCY NUMBER: 9-1-1

Carbon monoxide alarm action plan

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Guideline</i>
Installation	Install carbon monoxide alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.
Lifespan	Replace the carbon monoxide alarm unit every 5–7 years, or according to the manufacturer's instructions.
Testing	Test the carbon monoxide alarm monthly using the test button.
Combined alarms	Consider a combined smoke/carbon monoxide alarm, especially if you have fuel-burning appliances.

Carbon monoxide prevention checklist

<i>Yes/No</i>	<i>Preventative action</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	All fuel-burning equipment (furnace, water heater, gas stove) is vented properly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heating system, water heater and other appliances are serviced annually by a qualified professional.
<input type="checkbox"/>	NEVER use a portable generator indoors, including inside a garage. Keep them 20 feet from doors, windows and vents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	NEVER use an oven, range or gas stovetop to heat your home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vehicle exhaust is prevented from entering the home (e.g., do not idle a car in an attached garage).

Immediate response: When the carbon monoxide alarm sounds

A carbon monoxide alarm typically sounds with 4 quick beeps and a pause.

EVACUATE: Immediately move to a source of fresh air outdoors or by an open door/window.

ACCOUNT: Make sure everyone in the home is accounted for.

CALL 9-1-1: Call the emergency number from a fresh air location. **DO NOT GO BACK INSIDE.**

WAIT: Stay outside until emergency personnel arrive and inform you it is safe to re-enter.