

# CO Alarms



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, and colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. Carbon Monoxide can kill people and pets.



Must be located adjacent to ALL sleeping areas



Residential occupancies require a CO alarm if they have:

- fireplace
- gas burning appliance (furnace, stove)
- attached garage



For extra protection, install a CO alarm on every storey of your home.



CO alarms will make a sound called a 'chirp' which tells you the battery needs to be changed. This sound is NOT the same as the alarm going off.



A smoke alarm will beep 3 times when alarmed. A CO alarm will beep 4 times when alarmed.



Always follow manufacturer's instructions when installing, maintaining and replacing CO alarms.



If your CO alarm requires a battery, change the battery at least once a year, or when the low battery warning chirps.



Keep your home safe by making sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris. Remove vehicles from the garage right away after starting. Never use an oven or stove to heat your home.



If your CO alarm sounds, keep your windows closed, get out of your home immediately and call 9-1-1 from a safe location.



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