

# CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS



**When a carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move all people and pets outside immediately. Once outside, call 9-1-1. Do not go back inside until the fire department has declared the area safe and instructed you to do so.**



**Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly, odorless, poisonous gas that can make a person feel sick. In the home, fuel-burning devices for heating and cooking can be sources of carbon monoxide.**



**Orange County  
Fire Authority**

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## **Install**

- Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in all homes, apartments, and workplaces.
- Install alarms in each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- In the workplace, carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in areas where gas appliances are located, as well as areas with identified hazards.
- It is best to use interconnected alarms so when one sounds, all of them sound.

## **Inspect**

- Test carbon monoxide alarms once a month.

## **Prevent CO Poisoning**

- Have a professional inspect your chimneys and heating equipment each year.
- Don't keep your car running inside your garage, even if your garage doors are open.
- Gas grills, charcoal grills, and generators can produce carbon monoxide. Use them outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Clear all debris from dryers, furnaces, stoves, and fireplace vents.
- Open the damper when using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.
- Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.
- Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the combustion air flow through the appliance and can produce carbon monoxide.