ARE THERE HEROES

IN YOUR HOME?



CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

WHAT'S THE RISK?

Over 80% of all carbon monoxide (CO) deaths & injuries in Ontario occur in homes.

Many homes in Ontario have on average 4-6 fuel-burning appliances that produce CO:

- fireplace
- stove
- gas dryer
- water heater
- furnace
- portable fuel heater

Bedroom Hall Bedroom Kitchen Family Room Garage Basement Workshop Carbon Monoxide Alarms Carbon Monoxide Alarms

WHAT CAN ALARMS DO?

Only working CO alarms give you the warning of the presence of CO you need to keep your family safe.

Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms.

If your CO alarm sounds and you or other occupants suffer from symptoms of CO poisoning, **get everyone out of the home immediately**. Call 9-1-1 or your emergency number from outside the building.

HOW DO I PROTECT MY FAMILY?

- Ensure all fuel-burning appliances and vents are inspected annually. Find a registered contractor at <u>cosafety.ca</u>.
- Install CO alarms outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.
- ❖ For best protection, install CO alarms on every storey of the home.
- Test CO alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Replace alarms according to manufacturers' recommendations.

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