



Home Safety

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Carbon Monoxide Safety & Detectors

Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

The dangers of carbon monoxide exposure depend on a number of variables including the victim's health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women, and people with physical conditions that limit their body's ability to use oxygen (i.e. emphysema, asthma, heart disease) can be more severely affected by lower concentration of carbon monoxide than healthy adults would be.

A person can be poisoned by a small amount of carbon monoxide over a long period of time or by a large amount over a short period of time. If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrive.

At Balfour Beatty Communities, we install carbon monoxide detectors in our homes that have gas or oil appliances. We will test and/or change the batteries in your carbon monoxide detector at your request.

For more information about carbon monoxide, please visit:

<http://www.firstalert.com/faqs/co-alarm>