Carbon Monoxide Legislation in New York

Effective February 22, 2010 there is a new law in New York that will help protect families from the #1 cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the United States, carbon monoxide (CO).

Amanda's Law:

- CO alarms must be installed in ALL NEW AND EXISTING one and two-family dwellings, multifamily dwellings and rentals having a fuel burning appliance, system or attached garage.
- The NFPA recommends CO alarms be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

To comply with the new law, all carbon monoxide alarms must be certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory that conforms to the latest Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Standards (also known as UL2034).

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About Safe Kids New York

The goal of the New York Safe Kids Coalition is to reduce the incidence of preventable childhood injury to children under 14. Safe Kids coalitions promote collaboration among local businesses, traffic safety and public health professionals, concerned citizens, local government and members of various other organizations.

www.safekidsnystate.org

About Office of Fire Prevention and Control

The New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control has one mission: Preservation of life and property, as they are inseparable. In all that New York's fire service is called upon to do; preventing fires from starting, controlling them when they do, mitigating the dangers of hazardous materials incidents or rescuing life and property from imminent danger regardless of cause, the OFPC is working hard along with its local partners to assure success. It does so with six functional bureaus: Academy of Fire Science, Arson, Fire Prevention, Fire Services, Hazardous Materials/WMD and Special Services. All are specialized but at once, all work together, as protecting the public from fires is a collaborative effort.

www.dos.state.ny.us/fire

About Kidde

For more than 90 years, consumers have relied on the advanced fire safety technology in Kidde's residential and commercial smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, fire extinguishers and other life safety products.

Based in Mebane, NC, Kidde is part of UTC Fire & Security, a leading global supplier of fire safety and security services and a division of United Technologies Corporation (NYSE:UTX).

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Discover safety tips to protect your family from a home fire or carbon monoxide (CO) incident.

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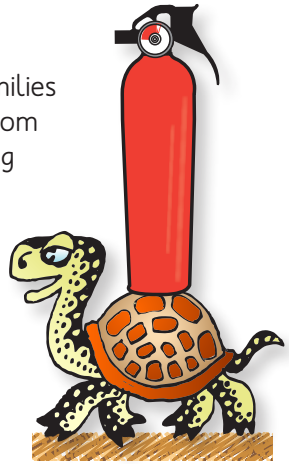
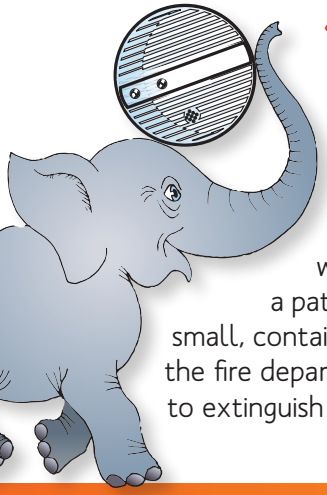
Fire Safety

Every three hours, someone in America dies in a house fire. Families can help protect themselves from a home fire by installing working smoke alarms in every room, having fire extinguishers within reach, and *developing and regularly practicing a complete escape plan.*



Fire Safety Tips:

- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to call **911** in case of a fire or emergency.
- Install **smoke alarms** on every level of the home and especially in or near all sleeping areas.
- Test your **smoke alarms** monthly, change batteries every six months, and replace alarms every 10 years.
- Practice a home fire escape plan regularly with the entire family during the day and night.
- Keep a **fire extinguisher** within reach to help create a path to safety or put out a small, contained fire. Always call the fire department before you try to extinguish a fire yourself!



Carbon Monoxide Safety

Carbon monoxide (CO) is often called the "silent killer" because it is odorless, colorless and tasteless.

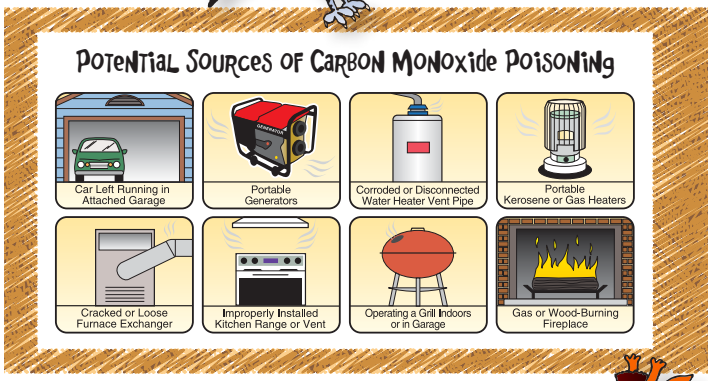
Symptoms often mimic the flu without a fever and can include dizziness, severe headache, nausea, sleepiness, fatigue, weakness and disorientation.

Any time a fuel-burning appliance malfunctions or is improperly installed, CO can quickly reach dangerous levels in the home, leading to injury or even death.

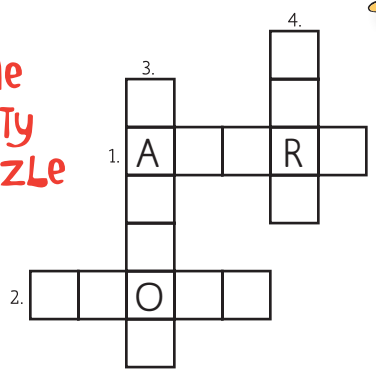
The only safe way to detect carbon monoxide in your home is to install a CO alarm.

Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips:

- Install at least one battery-powered, hardwired or plug-in **CO alarm** *(with battery backup)* on each level of your home and near sleeping areas.
- Install fuel-burning appliances properly and operate them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not use charcoal or gas grills inside or operate outdoors near a window where CO fumes could seep in.
- Replace **CO alarms** every five years in order to benefit from the latest technology upgrades.

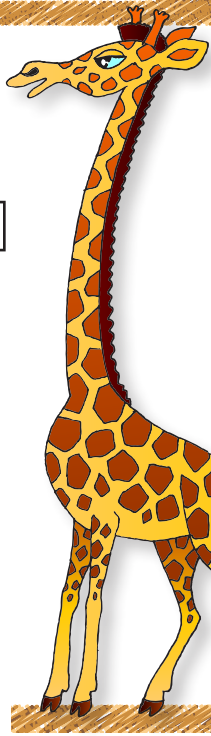


Home Safety Puzzle



Clues:

1. Be sure to have a smoke _____ in or near all sleeping areas.
2. Replace _____ alarms that are over ten years old.
3. A _____ monoxide alarm will protect you from this harmful gas.
4. Make sure to call 911 in case of a _____ or emergency.



Puzzle answers: 1. ALARM, 2. SMOKE, 3. CARBON, 4. FIRE

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