



## **Carbon Monoxide Prevention Tips**

**Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless deadly gas. Since you cannot see, taste or smell it carbon monoxide can kill you. Incomplete burning of carbon containing fuel from malfunctioning or unvented home appliances produces Carbon Monoxide.**

- Install a carbon monoxide detector with an audible alarm in your home and garage
- Install one CO detector near the sleeping area
- Install CO detectors on every level of the home for added protection
- Do not use unvented stoves, ovens or gas ranges to heat your home
- Do not use kerosene or propane space heaters indoors
- Do not burn charcoal inside a home or enclosed areas such as garage or recreational vehicles
- Do not operate gas powered vehicles or equipment in garages or basements
- Do not run a vehicle inside of the garage and make sure the tailpipe is free of obstructions
- CO detectors should be placed at least 15 feet from the furnace
- Replace your CO detector's batteries twice a year or when there is a low battery signal
- Remember if the Co detector uses electricity, battery back-up is needed in the event of power loss
- If you are feeling dizzy, light-headed or nauseous and you suspect CO poisoning seek Medical Attention
- Have a Connecticut License Contractor check all fuel burning appliances, furnaces, venting and chimney systems at least once a year or as directed by the manufacturer of the item