

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Safety

CO is a colorless, odorless toxic gas, known as the
Invisible Killer

CO Poisoning Stats
in the U.S.

450

Deaths from unintentional
non-fire related
CO poisoning each year

21,000

ER visits each year

Know the Symptoms

Headache, dizziness,
weakness, nausea, vomiting,
chest pain, confusion, and
loss of consciousness

Know the Sources

CO is a byproduct of the
fuel-burning process

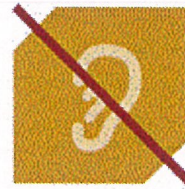
**Gas and oil-heating furnaces
portable generators,
charcoal grills, automobiles**



**CAN'T BE
SEEN**



**CAN'T BE
SMELLED**



**CAN'T BE
HEARD**



**CAN BE
STOPPED**

Carbon monoxide incidents are **preventable**.

What can I do?

1. CO detectors

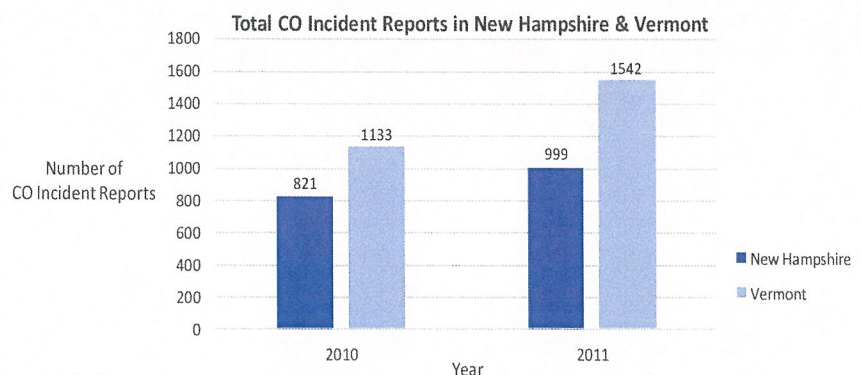
- Install CO detectors in the hallway of every sleeping area
- Test CO detectors frequently (ex. every month)

2. Annual heating system inspection by certified technician

- Properly install and maintain heating systems (including furnaces, chimneys, and vents)

3. Practice CO safety

- Operate portable generators at least 20 ft outside the house
- Do not leave automobiles running in open or enclosed garage



Source: National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)