










STORM PREPAREDNESS

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CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

CO is an invisible, odorless and tasteless gas that is very deadly. Inhaling CO can cause fatigue, weakness, chest pains for people with heart disease, shortness of breath, stomach pain, vomiting, headaches, confusion, lack of coordination, vision problems, loss of consciousness, and in severe cases, death.

 GENERATOR EXHAUST	Risk Factors for Exposure Include	 OPEN FLAME GRILL FUMES
 VEHICLES USED INSIDE		 LANTERN FUEL EXHAUST
 NAUSEA VOMITING	Poisoning Signs and Symptoms Include	 DIZZINESS WEAKNESS
 CHEST PAIN		 CONFUSION
		 HEADACHE

*You can't see or smell carbon monoxide.
If you start to feel sick, dizzy or weak get to fresh air immediately.*

Portable Generators Produce High Levels of CO Very Quickly

- Never use a generator indoors!
- Always keep portable generators or gasoline engines outside and at least 20 feet away from your home.
- Do not burn charcoal or gas grills inside a house or garage, vehicle, tent, or fireplace.

CO Alarms Save Lives

- Install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery backup in every room of your home.
- Test your CO alarms regularly.

CO Poisoning

For severe CO poisoning, call 911 or the Florida Poison Information Center at 1-800-222-1222.

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