

# CHECKLIST FOR THE PREVENTION OF CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING

## In Your Home or Camper:

- Have all fuel-burning venting systems checked by an expert every year.
- Have all gas appliances checked every year. Ask your gas company if they will do this for you.
- All gas appliances must be vented so that CO does not build up in the home or camper.
- Have your chimney checked or cleaned every year.
- Indoor vent pipes should not be perfectly level. They should rise slightly upward as they go toward the outdoors to prevent gas leakage if the joints are not fitted tightly.
- Use of a gas range or oven for heating can cause a buildup of CO inside your home or camper.
- An odor from the cooling unit of your gas refrigerator can mean you have a defect in the cooling unit. It could also be giving off CO. If you smell an odor from your gas refrigerator's cooling unit, you should have an expert check it.
- Using a charcoal grill indoors will cause a build up of CO inside your home or camper.
- Portable flameless chemical heaters don't have a flame, but they burn gas and can cause CO to build up inside your home or camper.
- Using a gas camp stove indoors can cause CO to build up inside your home or camper.

## In Your Car or Truck:

- Check the exhaust system every year. A small leak can lead to the build up of CO inside the car or truck.
- Never run your car or truck in a garage unless the outside door is open to let in fresh air.
- Keep the door connecting your garage to your house closed when your car or truck is running in the garage.
- Even with the air conditioner on, CO can be pulled into your car or truck while you drive slowly in heavy traffic. Open your windows slightly to let the CO out and fresh air in.
- If you drive a station wagon and open the tailgate, you need to open vents or windows to make sure air is moving through the car. If only the tailgate is open, CO from the exhaust will be pulled into the car.

## Other:

- Buy gas equipment carrying the seal of a national testing agency such as the American Gas Association or Underwriter's Laboratory.
- In motels or hotels, read the instructions on the heating unit. Even if the equipment is installed correctly, using it the wrong way may lead to a build up of CO in your room.

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