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Carbon monoxide (CO) is a painless and colourless toxic gas that comes essentially from the malfunction of an appliance or combustion engine (gas, gasoline, fuel oil, coal, wood, ethanol...).

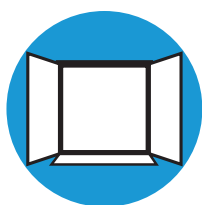
After being breathed in, CO takes the place of oxygen in the blood. Its action can be rapid: in the most serious cases, it can lead to coma or even death in a few minutes.

In France, more than 3,000 people are victims of carbon monoxide poisoning every year. About a hundred people died as a result. It is the leading cause of death from intoxication in France.

Protecting yourself:

- Before winter, it is essential to have your heating and hot water combustion appliances serviced by a qualified professional, as required by regulations;
- Have the smoke evacuation ducts cleaned each year by a qualified professional, regardless of the fuel used;
- Never heat your home with appliances not intended for this purpose (camping stoves, ovens, braziers, barbecues, stoves, etc.);
- Under no circumstances use a generator in an enclosed area (house, cellar, garage...): they must be placed outside the buildings;
- Never use a combustion auxiliary heater for long periods of time;
- Ventilate your home daily and never obstruct the ventilation grilles, even in cold weather.

What to do in case of carbon monoxide poisoning?



Ventilate your home



Turn off heating
and cooking appliances



Get out of your house



Call for help
18 firefighters
15 EMS
112 from a mobile phone

AFPRIM
Association Française Professionnelle
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au Monoxyde de carbone

AFPRIM is a group of professionals involved in the fight against carbon monoxide poisoning.

This association was created with the aim of raising awareness among the French population of the harmful effects of this silent killer.