LMAS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS AND DETECTION



Carbon monoxide (CO), often called the “Invisible Killer,” is a poisonous gas that cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted. It is produced when fuels such as natural gas, propane, gasoline, charcoal, and wood are burned. CO can quickly build up in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces, including homes, garages, campers, tents, cabins, and ice fishing shanties.

LMAS District Health Department encourages everyone to take steps to prevent CO poisoning. Common symptoms include headache, dizziness, nausea, weakness, and confusion.

Stay Safe:

- Install CO detectors on every level of your home and near sleeping areas. Test them monthly.
- Have furnaces and fuel-burning appliances inspected regularly.
- Never use generators, grills, or camp stoves in enclosed spaces.
- Never run a vehicle in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Use CO detectors when camping, staying in campers, or ice fishing.

If your CO detector sounds or you suspect exposure, get everyone outside into fresh air immediately and call 911. Do not re-enter until emergency responders say it is safe.

CO poisoning is preventable. Check your detectors and share these safety tips with family, friends, and neighbors. A few simple precautions can save lives! Learn more about carbon monoxide safety, detection, and prevention at Michigan.gov/CarbonMonoxide.