



Installing and Using CO Alarms

The Home Safety Council recommends installing at least one CO alarm in every home that has an attached garage and/or uses fuel-burning appliances or equipment.



Purchase CO alarms that are listed by Underwriters Laboratories (UL)

Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for installing and testing the alarm.





Place one CO alarm outside each area where people sleep, such as a hallway outside bedrooms.



Sound the CO alarm for all household members so everyone can identify the difference between the CO alarm signal and the smoke alarm signal.



Contact your fire department to learn the appropriate local emergency telephone number to call if you suspect CO poisoning in your home.



Post all emergency response numbers by every telephone.



CO alarms are different from smoke alarms, and have different functions. CO alarms do not provide early warning of a fire. Smoke alarms do not provide early warning of CO exposure. Your home needs both CO and smoke alarm protection.