

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

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What is CO?

Carbon monoxide poisoning is known as the "silent killer" because it is an odorless and colourless gas that can cause brain damage or death.

Mild carbon monoxide poisoning causes headache, nausea, poor coordination. Most people who develop mild carbon monoxide poisoning can recover quickly when moved into fresh air.

Where to find CO?

Incomplete combustion of fuel produces Carbon Monoxide gas, many common home appliances and cars can produce carbon monoxide gas.

CO Poisoning

Physical symptoms may include headache, fatigue, dizziness, nausea, confusion, trouble with memory and movement problems

CO Levels in air	Physical symptoms
35 ppm	After 6-8 hours
200 ppm	After 2-3 hours
400 ppm	After 45 minutes. Fatal within 2 to 3 hours
800 ppm	After 20 minutes. Fatal within 1 hour
1,600 ppm	After 5-10 minutes. Fatal within 25 to 30 minutes
6,400 ppm	After 1 minute. Fatal within 10 to 15 minutes

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