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**Carbon Monoxide Awareness**

Toolbox Talk # 5039

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, toxic gas which interferes with the oxygen-carrying capacity of blood. CO is non-irritating and can overcome you without warning. Many people die from CO poisoning, usually while using gasoline powered tools and generators in buildings or semi-enclosed spaces without adequate ventilation.

Effects of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning - Severe carbon monoxide poisoning causes neurological damage, illness, coma and death.

**Symptoms of CO exposure**

* Headaches, dizziness, and drowsiness.
* Nausea, vomiting, tightness across the chest.
* Some Sources of Exposure
* Portable generators/generators in buildings.
* Concrete cutting saws, compressors.
* Power trowels, floor buffers, space heaters.
* Welding, gasoline powered pumps.

**Preventing CO Exposure**

* Never use a generator indoors or in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces such as garages, crawl spaces, and basements. Opening windows and doors in an enclosed space may prevent CO buildup.
* Make sure the generator has 3-4 feet of clear space on all sides and above it to ensure adequate ventilation.
* Do not use a generator outdoors if placed near doors, windows or vents which could allow CO to enter and build up in occupied spaces.
* When using space heaters and stoves ensure that they are in good working order to reduce CO buildup, and never use in enclosed spaces or indoors.
* Consider using tools powered by electricity or compressed air, if available.

If you experience symptoms of CO poisoning get to fresh air right away and seek immediate medical attention.

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