

# How to be Safe During a Power Outage

## How to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning When the Power Goes Out

### ✗ Do not!

**DO NOT** use portable generators inside your home, garage, carport, basement or any other enclosed space, such as a covered porch.

**DO NOT** use charcoal or gas grills or camping stoves inside your home.

**DO NOT** use your gas oven or stove top to heat your home.

**IMPORTANT:** Opening windows and doors, and using fans is **NOT** enough to stop a deadly buildup of carbon monoxide in your home.



**Carbon Monoxide can kill you!**

You cannot see or smell carbon monoxide.

### ✓ Do!

**DO** use gasoline-powered equipment like generators, outside only and at least 20 feet from your home.

**DO** keep your generator away from doors, windows or air intake vents.

**DO** make sure outside vents are not blocked with snow or leaves.

**DO** install a CO detector.



**Know the signs of carbon monoxide poisoning:**

*The signs of carbon monoxide poisoning are like the flu:*

- ⇒ Headache
- ⇒ Tiredness
- ⇒ Dizziness
- ⇒ Nausea
- ⇒ Vomiting, or
- ⇒ Loss of consciousness

### **IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER HAS SIGNS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING**

get out of the house and get medical help right away. These signs may be your only warning because you cannot see or smell carbon monoxide.

**GET OUTSIDE** and call 911 from a cell phone or from a neighbor's home.

If you have a question about carbon monoxide poisoning dial **1-800-222 1222** or contact the Michigan Department of Community Health at **1-800-648-6942** or go to [www.michigan.gov/carbonmonoxide](http://www.michigan.gov/carbonmonoxide)

