

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) PROTOCOL

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SYMPTOMS

Initial symptoms of CO poisoning are very similar to flu like symptoms

MILD EXPOSURE:	Slight headache, vomiting, nausea, fatigue.
MEDIUM EXPOSURE:	Severe headache, drowsiness, confusion, increased heart rate.
EXTREME EXPOSURE:	Unconsciousness, convulsions, heart and lung failure, brain damage, death.

KNOW YOUR CO MANUFACTURERS INFORMATION. There will be an explanation of each sound on the back of the detector as well as in the instruction manual located in Safe Operating Procedures.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS: verify the alarm is indicating a carbon monoxide emergency to avoid a false alarm. If it is an actual CO ALARM- call 911 and leave the premises.

DO NOT OPEN WINDOWS OR DOORS. Account for all individuals and staff and **DO NOT RE-ENTER** until deemed safe by fire personnel.

FALSE ALARMS: CO detectors respond to the presence of CO. If the detector sounds, verify the what the sound is indicating. If it is a non-alarm signal, have the unit replaced.

If you arrive home to the sound of the CO detector alarm, **DO NOT ENTER.** Call fire department from cell phone or nearby residence.

MAINTENANCE: Vacuum the CO detectors around openings of the detector at least once a month to eliminate dust and debris. Test detector after cleaning.

ALWAYS CHECK EXPIRATION DATE ON DETECTORS and replace prior to expiration date.