



# Carbon Monoxide (CO) The Invisible Killer



 **CO is an invisible and odorless gas emitted by fuel-burning products**, including generators, gas appliances, water heaters, furnaces, charcoal grills, and engine-driven tools.

 **Generators produce hundreds of times more CO than cars.**

 **More than 80 consumers die each year from CO poisoning** caused by portable generators.

## African Americans are at Higher Risk for Generator-related CO Death




Percent of Population



Percent of CO Deaths

## CO Alarms Save Lives

 **Install battery-operated CO alarms or CO alarms with battery backup in your home.**

## Don't be a Victim of CO Poisoning! Follow These Safety Tips:



- **Never operate a portable generator inside** a home, garage, basement, crawlspace, shed or on a porch; and never leave a car running in an attached garage.
- **Operate portable generators outside only, at least 20 feet away from the house, and direct the generator's exhaust away from the home and other buildings.**
- **Ask retailers for a portable generator with a safety feature to shut off automatically** when high CO concentrations are present. Some models with CO shut-off also have reduced emissions.
- **Never burn charcoal inside** a home, garage, vehicle, or tent.



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