

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

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THE HAZARD

Temporary heat is what makes winter work possible and what makes it dangerous. Fuel-burning heaters, generators and engines running in a part-enclosed space produce carbon monoxide you cannot see, smell or taste.

WHAT GOES WRONG

- A propane or kerosene heater run inside a building as it closes in, with no added ventilation.
- A generator or compressor sited just outside a doorway, with the exhaust drifting back in.
- Concrete saws or power trowels run indoors because it was too cold to work outside.
- Early symptoms taken for a hangover, flu or a long shift, and the crew keeps working.

CONTROLS: BEFORE YOU START

- Never run a fuel-burning engine or heater inside an enclosed or part-enclosed space.
- Site generators and compressors well away from doors, windows and air intakes.
- Keep ventilation open, and remember the building gets tighter every week as it closes in.
- Use a CO monitor where fuel-burning equipment runs indoors, and know what the alarm sounds like.
- Headache, dizziness, nausea or confusion: get everyone into fresh air first, ask questions second.

ASK THE CREW

1. Which heaters are running on this job today, and what ventilation do they have?
2. Where is the generator sited, and where is its exhaust actually going?
3. How has this building changed since last month, and does that change the airflow?
4. If two people had a headache at the same time in the same room, what would we do?

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