



PONTIAC FIRE DEPARTMENT

CARBON MONOXIDE

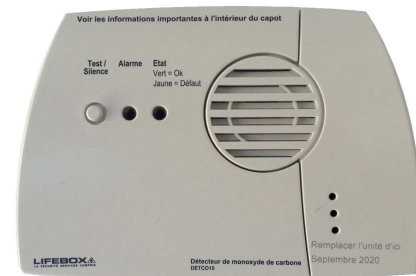
The installation of a carbon monoxide detector is strongly recommended in every residential building that has a fuel burning appliance or is attached to a garage. This is the only way to detect this dangerous invisible gas.

What is carbon monoxide ?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas that has no colour, odour, taste or irritant. As you cannot see, smell, or taste it, it can be very harmful and even kill.

Where does carbon monoxide come from?

Carbon monoxide is produced as a result of incomplete combustion. The CO may come from gas operated appliances such as a stove, refrigerator, dryer or a barbecue. It can also be produced from any combustion heating equipment such as an oil furnace, a wood burning stove or a gas fireplace. Gas or diesel operated tools also produce CO.



What to do if your carbon monoxide detector goes off

Dial 9-1-1 and evacuate the premises. Do not open windows... the firefighters will have a better reading of the level of CO present in the air and will be able to find the source. Do not re-enter the premises without having received authorization from the firefighters or an expert in the field.

**For more information, visit the Ministry of public security
Website <http://www.securitepublique.gouv.qc.ca/en/fire-safety/preventing-a-fire.html> or contact the
Pontiac Fire Department's Fire prevention officer
by dialing 819-455-2401, ext. 102**

