

CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS

What is Carbon Monoxide (CO)?

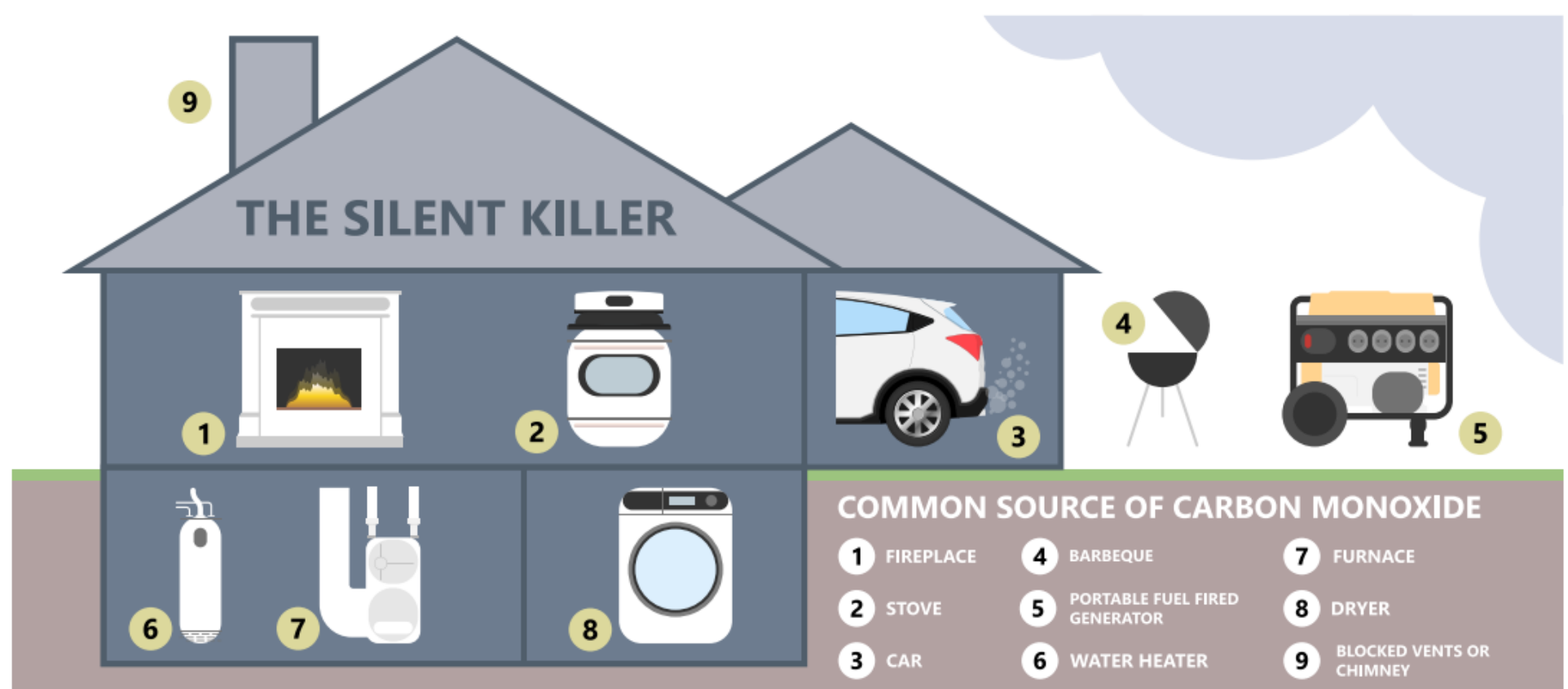
CO is known as the **SILENT** or **INVISIBLE KILLER** because we can't SEE, SMELL or TASTE it.



WARNING

What are the Potential Sources of CO?

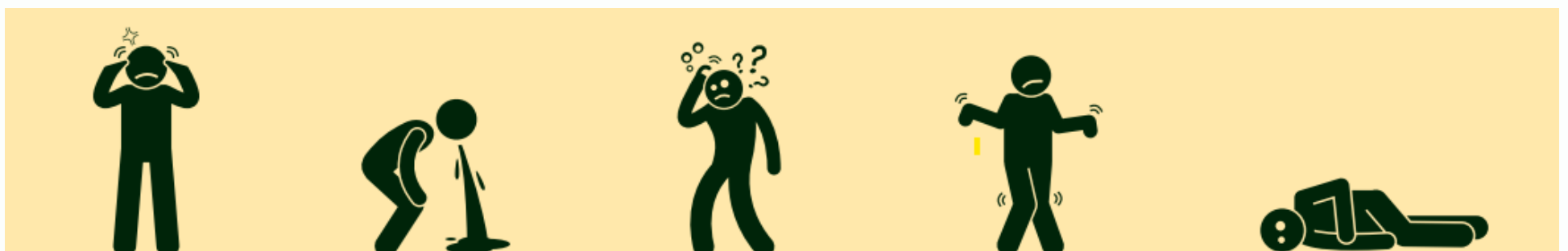
Many Ontario homes have an average of 4-6 fuel burning appliances that produce carbon monoxide.



Carbon monoxide exposure is dangerous to people and pets!

In Ontario, over **65%** of all carbon monoxide deaths and injuries occur in homes.

Signs and Symptoms of CO Poisoning



- Severe Headaches
- Disorientation

- Nausea
- Vomiting

- Dizziness
- Confusion

- Fatigue
- Weakness

- Sleepiness
- Loss of Consciousness

TAKE ACTION!

Protect Yourself from Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning in Your Home



If your home contains a fuel burning appliance, fireplace or has an attached garage, a CO alarm is required -

IT'S THE LAW IN ONTARIO.

Install, Test and Maintain WORKING (CO) alarm(s).



Install a **working** CO alarm beside **all** sleeping areas.



Test alarms monthly, press and hold the test button to hear the beep (alert) sound.



Change the batteries once a year or when you hear the low battery warning (chirp) sound. **Never wait!** Always test alarms after installing new batteries.



Replace expired alarms. Check for a replacement date or replace according to manufacturer's instructions.



CO alarms lose their sensitivity over time - they don't last forever!

Know what to do when your CO alarm activates.

Meeting Place



NEVER IGNORE an alerting alarm OR try to find the source!
WHY? It's warning **YOU** of a potential hazard in your home.
GET OUT, STAY OUT AND CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.



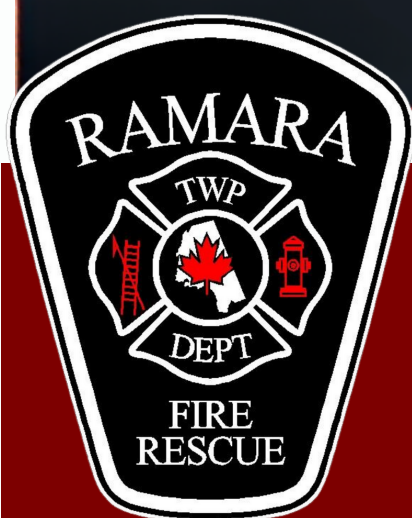
Alarming



Exit home



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