

## **Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Is *Not* Just a Winter Threat – Be Sure to Help Protect Your Home and Family This Spring!**

We often hear about tragic incidents of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning during the winter months...

***But CO poisoning can strike at any time and it's important to take these steps to help protect your family from the "silent killer" year-round.***

***Take time this Spring to help prevent CO poisoning in your home:***

- Have your fuel burning appliances like gas dryers, heaters and stoves inspected by a professional.
- Have your fireplace inspected to ensure the chimney and flue are not blocked.
- Be careful not to leave your car running, especially in an attached garage.
- Install a carbon monoxide alarm on each floor of your home and near sleeping areas.
- If you have CO alarms installed, test them monthly and replace the batteries as needed.
- All CO alarms should be replaced every 5-7 years. If you don't remember when you installed your CO alarms, chances are it's time to replace them.
- Do not use gas generators inside a home or garage, or outside near a window where fumes may seep into the home.
- Keep barbeque grills outside. Do not use them in your garage or inside your home for cooking, or as an alternative heater.

Help keep your friends, neighbors and colleagues safe from CO poisoning as well by passing this information along to them.