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CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon monoxide (C/O) is odorless, colorless and tasteless. It is produced when any fossil fuel, including natural gas, is burned. When fossil fuels do not burn properly, C/O can build up and cause sickness - even death. C/O can build up when gas appliances are used improperly or are not vented properly.

Safety Measures:

- ▶ Never heat your home or apartment with your gas range or oven.
- ▶ Have your gas appliances and heating systems inspected annually by a qualified contractor.
- ▶ Per Illinois law, install C/O detectors in your home within 15' of all bedrooms.

Symptoms of CO Poisoning:

- ▶ Dizziness, nausea, headache and coughing.
- ▶ Irregular heartbeat.
- ▶ Pale skin with cherry red lips and ear tips.

If You Suspect C/O Poisoning:

- ▶ Get fresh air and stay outside.
- ▶ Call 911 or the local fire department.