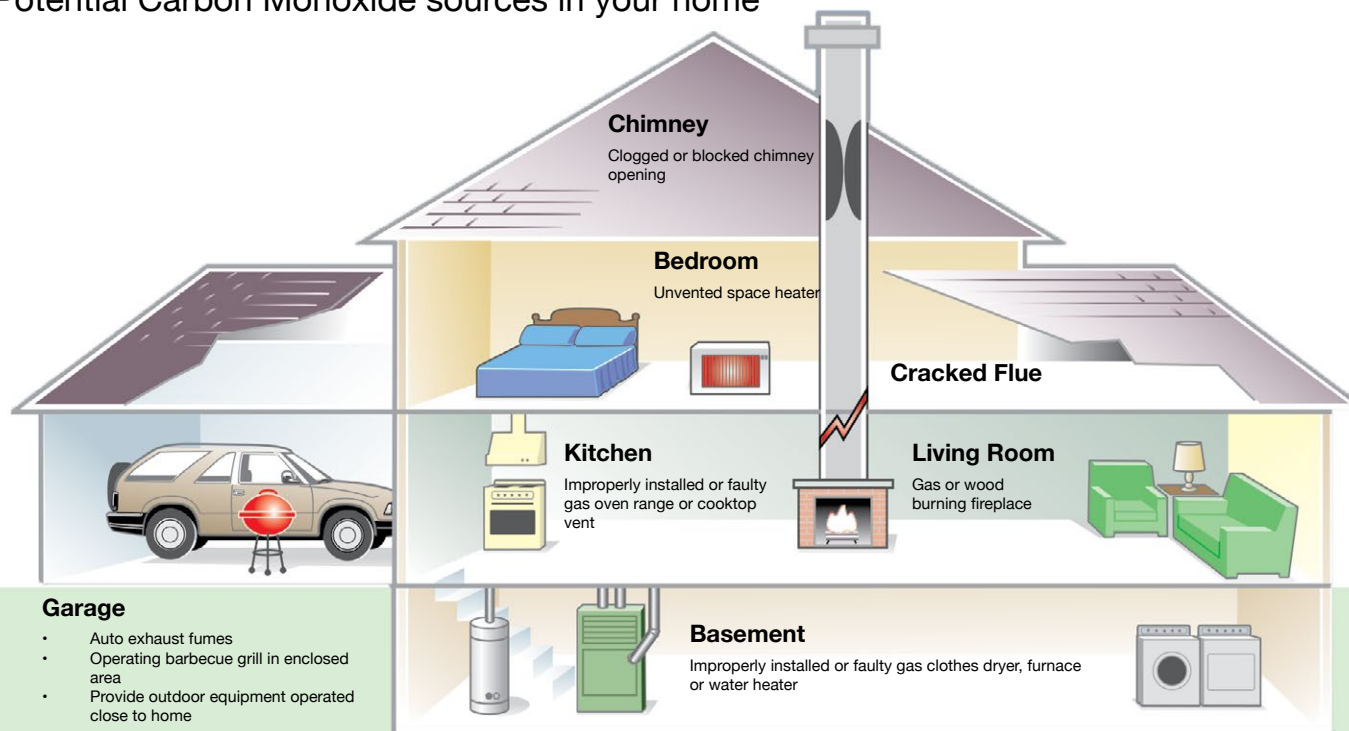


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Potential Carbon Monoxide sources in your home



Carbon monoxide (CO) the odourless, tasteless and colourless gas, known as 'The Silent Killer' is undetectable to the human senses. CO is produced by common household appliances that burn fossil fuels, including gas or oil furnaces, water heaters, clothes dryers, gas space heaters, gas ovens and wood burning or gas fireplaces.

Studies have shown that from 2018 to 2019 there was 256 hospitalisation due to accidental poisoning from CO in Australia.<sup>1</sup>

Other potential sources include cracked flues, blocked chimneys, car exhausts fumes entering the house from an attached garage, lawn mowers, propane garage heaters, power washers. Early symptoms of CO poisoning such as headaches, nausea and fatigue are often mistaken for the flu and the gas goes undetected in the home.

Prolonged exposure to CO can lead to brain damage and even death. Installing a carbon monoxide alarm on each level of the home is the first line of defense homeowners have against this household hazard.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.holmanwebb.com.au/blog/671/silent-death-carbon-monoxide-poisoning-a-warning-for-occupiers-landlords-boaties-and-drivers>