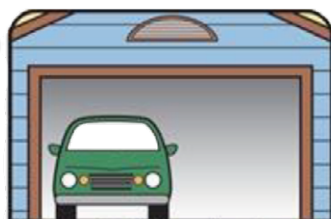


## POTENTIAL CO DANGERS IN YOUR HOME



Car Left Running in Attached Garage



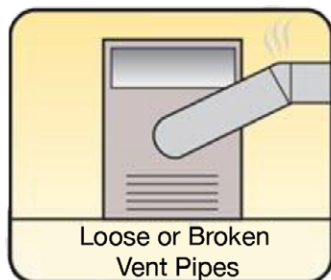
Portable Generators



Corroded or Disconnected Water Heater Vent Pipe



Portable Kerosene or Gas Heaters



Loose or Broken Vent Pipes



Improperly Installed Kitchen Range or Vent



Operating a BBQ Indoors or in Garage



Gas or Wood-Burning Fireplace

## Facts

- CO is produced anytime a fuel is burned. Potential sources include gas or oil furnaces, water heaters, gas space heaters, clothes dryers, barbecue grills, fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, gas ovens, generators, and car exhaust fumes.
- CO poisoning resulted in 17% of hospitalisation in Australia in 2022 (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare)<sup>1</sup>
- Common sources of carbon monoxide (CO) in Australia include barbecues, charcoal briquettes and grills, outdoor heaters, gas lanterns, tools with small gasoline engines (such as pressure washers or concrete saws), and engine exhausts (from your car and boat).<sup>2</sup>
- Poisoning also occurs when cars, boats or generators (especially diesel) are left running without adequate airflow or in an enclosed space.
- Fuel-powered pressure washers or concrete saws can also lead to carbon monoxide poisoning when they are used indoors, or in an enclosed space (such as a barn or shed, tank or cellar).

## Prevention

- Do not use barbecues, charcoal briquettes and/or grills, outdoor heaters or gas lanterns inside. They can produce carbon monoxide even if there is no smoke.
- Keep coals from barbecues outside.
- Do not use generators inside or in an enclosed space. If you are using one outside, make sure it is not near a window or door and is pointed away from the house.
- Do not leave your car running in the garage (even when the garage door is open).
- Only use fuel-powered appliances (such as pressure washers or concrete saws) outside, or in well ventilated spaces.
- Only use approved indoor heaters inside for warmth and have them serviced at least every 2 years by a registered gas fitter. If you use this type of heater, consider installing an audible carbon monoxide detector alarm for added safety.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/injury/accidental-poisoning>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets/Pages/carbon-monoxide.aspx>