

# Bullseye Bulletin

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## Importance of Carbon Monoxide Detectors



Carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are essential life-saving devices for homes, acting as the only reliable warning system for the "silent killer"—an odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas. They prevent fatal poisoning by alerting residents to dangerous CO buildups from malfunctioning fuel-burning appliances (furnaces, chimneys, stoves). Below are five reasons why CO2 monitors in your home are so vitally important.

- 1.) **Invisible Threat Detection:** Because CO is undetectable by human senses, detectors are crucial for identifying it before it causes sickness or death.
- 2.) **Preventing "Silent Killer" Poisoning:** CO binds to hemoglobin in the blood, reducing oxygen to organs and causing headaches, dizziness, and death.
- 3.) **Protection While Asleep:** Many poisonings occur at night; alarms provide a vital early warning.
- 4.) **Protecting Vulnerable Populations:** They protect children, the elderly, and pets, who are more susceptible to lower levels of toxicity.
- 5.) **Legal/Safety Requirements:** Many jurisdictions require them because of the high risk associated with common home appliances (furnaces, dryers, fireplaces).

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