



## **Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

The improper use of alternative power sources such as portable generators can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

### **To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:**

- Do not use gas-powered equipment, generators and tools indoors!
- Do not place a portable generator in an enclosed area like a garage or near a window, door or fresh-air intake that leads to your home.
- Place the generator at least 50 feet from the home, if possible, or as far away as you can.
- Do not place a generator too near a neighbor's residence.

### **The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning**

Symptoms can get worse rapidly and can cause coma and death. Symptoms include:

- Getting very tired very quickly.
- A mild headache that becomes a throbbing headache.
- Shortness of breath.
- Irritability.
- Emotional instability.
- Poor judgment
- Memory loss.

### **If you think someone has symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning:**

- Call 911 immediately for medical assistance.
- Remove everyone from the building immediately.
- Provide fresh air.