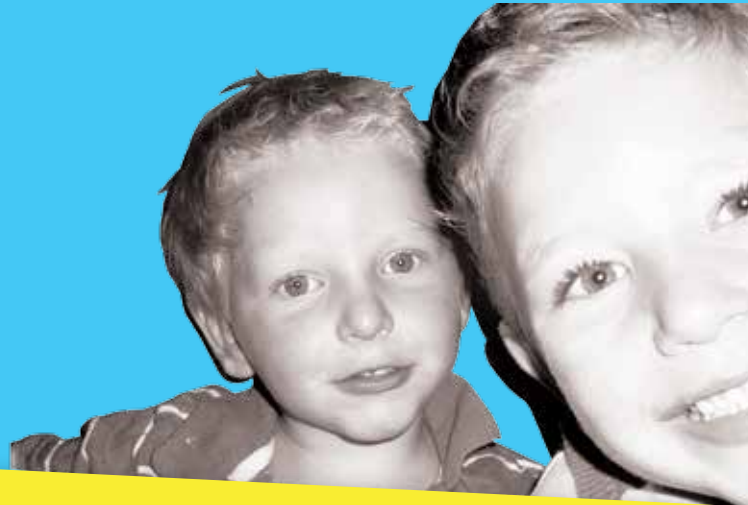




*Chase & Tyler Robinson aged 8 & 6  
died from a faulty gas heater in  
their rental home in 2010*



**WHAT CAN'T  
YOU SEE  
TASTE OR  
SMELL?**

**SERVICING YOUR GAS APPLIANCE  
NOT ONLY SAVES YOU MONEY...  
IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

**THE INVISIBLE SILENT KILLER**

**CARBON  
MONOXIDE**

**HOW TO PROTECT YOU & YOUR FAMILY**

**SERVICE**

*Have your gas appliances serviced at least once every two years by a registered or licensed gas fitter.*

**VENTILATION**

*Ensure that rooms in your home containing heating appliances are properly ventilated. Make sure flues, vents and chimneys are unblocked and functioning properly.*

**ALARM**

*Have a gasfitter install a carbon monoxide alarm to protect your family from the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. Remember-CO alarms are no substitute for regular inspection and maintenance of appliances, vents, flues and chimneys.*



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## WHAT IS CARBON MONOXIDE?

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, highly poisonous gas which can kill in minutes. It can be caused by any fuel that burns and smoulders and you can die from inhalation before you are even aware of it.

## WHO IS AT RISK?

All people and animals are at risk for CO poisoning. Certain groups such as pregnant women, unborn babies, infants, and people with chronic heart disease, anemia, or respiratory problems are more susceptible to its effects. Everyone should be vigilant when around appliances that may emit CO.

## SAFETY IN THE HOME

There are many items and appliances within and around the home that can be the source of carbon monoxide exposure.

### The most common fuel-burning sources are:

- gas space heaters
- gas wall furnaces
- gas ducted central heating
- gas decorative log fires
- gas stove tops and ovens
- gas water heaters
- gas powered refrigerators
- open fireplaces
- gas BBQ's
- gas patio heaters
- motor vehicles
- gas or petrol driven generators

Operating these appliances in poorly vented or enclosed spaces or where vents, chimney and fluepipes are blocked can increase the chances of carbon monoxide being produced.

## HOW YOU CAN PROTECT AGAINST CO

You can help manage the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning in your home by:

- **Having your fuel burning appliances serviced at least once every two years by a registered or licensed gas fitter**
- **Not running generators indoors or in partially-enclosed spaces**
- **Ensuring all flues, vents and chimneys are unblocked and functioning properly**
- **Watching for danger signs around your fuel burning appliances including:**
  - **Soot or stains on or around your gas appliance or vents**
  - **Excessive condensation in the room where the appliance is installed**
  - **Lazy yellow-orange coloured flames, including from your pilot light**
  - **Understanding the signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning**

Audible carbon monoxide alarms are to be used as an additional precautionary measure. Regular servicing of gas appliances is the best way to reduce the risk.



**DON'T BE ALARMED GET ARMED!**

## SYMPTOMS OF CO POISONING

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.

High levels of CO inhalation can cause loss of consciousness and death.

Unless suspected, CO poisoning can be difficult to diagnose because the symptoms mimic the common cold or flu.

## WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

Knowing what to do in an emergency enables you to act quickly and remain in control. Remember to:

1. **Open doors and windows for ventilation, and get fresh air immediately.**
2. **Call 000**

## FEELING UNWELL?

If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, seek advice from your doctor or hospital. If you receive medical attention, also request a breath or blood test.

## 4 TIPS TO REMEMBER

Remembering these four, simple tips will greatly decrease your chance of being affected by CO.

**SERVICE APPLIANCES  
UNBLOCK VENTILATION  
KNOW THE SIGNS**

**INSTALL A CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM**