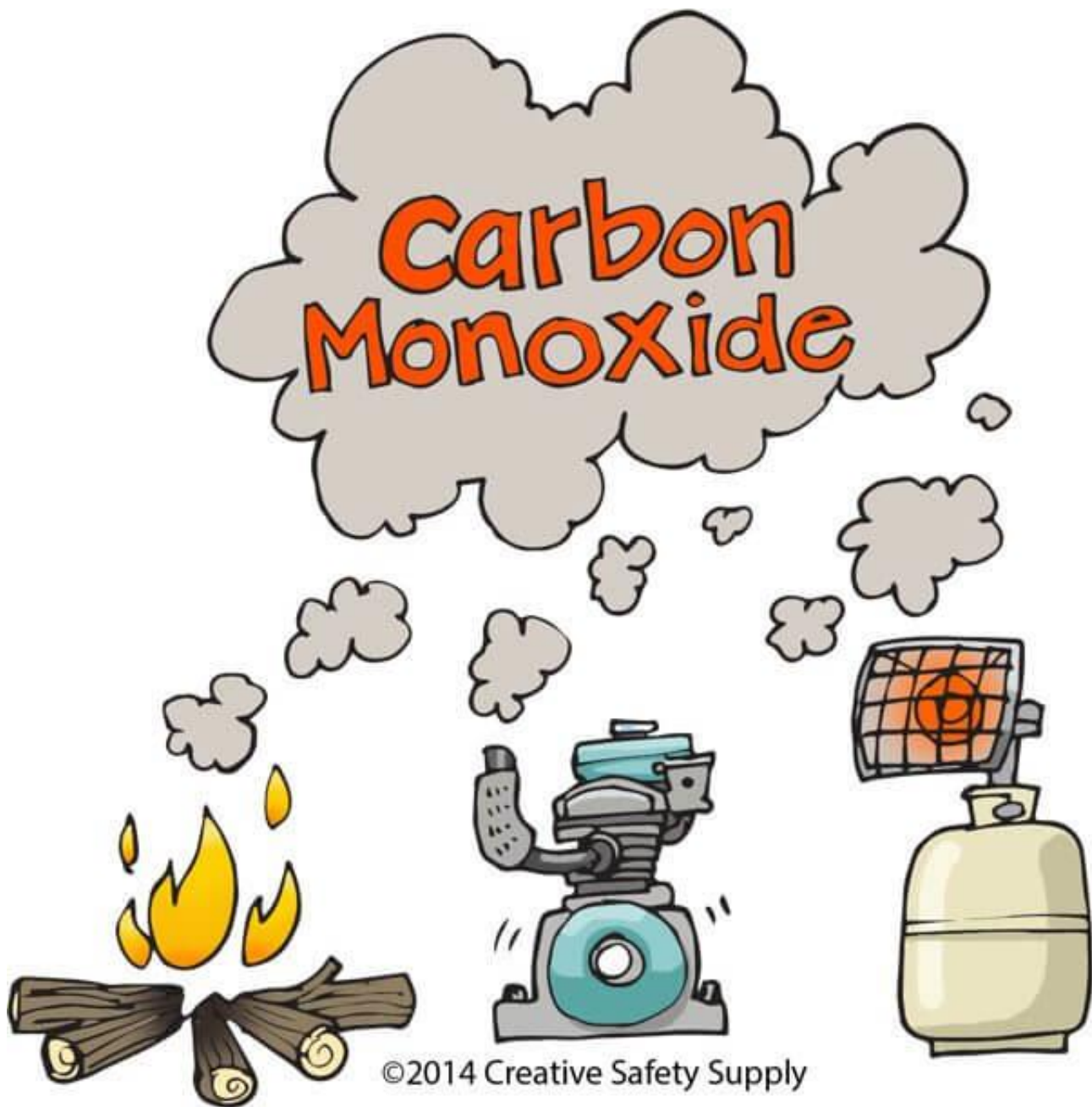


SWC Safety Moment – November 2018



Hi Everyone

I hope you enjoy the frequent safety moments and can make use of it in your team. This month I would like to focus on two items: Carbon Monoxide and Duty to report

A. Carbon Monoxide

Winter has arrived with all its glory, fun and certain risks. We all know that we have to stay warm, change our routine, use different equipment, etc. While you can see many of the hazards, there is one you don't see, smell or feel until it's too late. Often underestimated, Carbon Monoxide Poisoning is a hazard that takes causes many fatalities.

Some Facts:

CO poisoning is entirely preventable. Protect yourself and your family by acting wisely in case of a power outage and learning the symptoms of CO poisoning.

When power outages occur after severe weather, using alternative sources of power can cause carbon monoxide (CO) to build up in a home and poison the people and animals inside.

Every year, at least 430 people die in the U. S. from accidental CO poisoning. Approximately 50,000 people in the U.S. visit the emergency department each year due to accidental CO poisoning. There are steps you can take to help protect yourself and your household from CO poisoning. CO is found in fumes produced by portable generators, stoves, lanterns, and gas ranges, or by burning charcoal and wood. CO from these sources can build up in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces. People and animals in these spaces can be poisoned and can die from breathing CO.

How to Recognize CO Poisoning

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. People who are sleeping or who have been drinking alcohol can die from CO poisoning before ever having symptoms.

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CO Poisoning Prevention Tips

- **Change the batteries in your CO detector every six months. If you don't have a battery-powered or battery back-up CO detector, buy one soon.**
- **Never leave the motor running in a vehicle parked in an enclosed or partially enclosed space, such as a garage.**
- **Never run a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine inside a basement, garage, or other enclosed structure, even if the doors or windows are open. Keep vents and flues free of debris. Flying debris can block ventilation lines.**
- **Never run a motor vehicle, generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from an open window, door, or vent where exhaust can vent into an enclosed area.**
- **When you use a generator, use a battery-powered or battery backup CO detector in your home too.**
- **Never use a charcoal grill, hibachi, lantern, or portable camping stove inside a home, tent, or camper.**
- **If it's too hot, seek shelter with friends or at a community shelter.**
- **If you suspect CO poisoning, call 911 or a health care professional right away.**

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I have attached some case studies and the Safety Flyer for Lantern and Stove Safety. If you need more information please contact your local Fire Prevention Office for further help

B. Duty to Report

As you may know from media report, there is a school under heavy criticism for not / delayed reporting of abuse. I just like to remind you that any abuse must be reported immediately and it is up to the proper authority to investigate. Please review the attached Child Abuse Prevention Police, BP&P Section 7000, Code of Conduct and Incident Report Forms.

Report from MyScouts 22nd November 2018

		Oct	No
SWC Members	Total Registered		NOV 5578 (Oct 4882)
Participants			Nov 4083 (Oct 3577)
Volunteers	Total		Nov 1495 (Oct 1405)
	Active		Nov 1374 (Oct 1135)
	Pending		Nov 121 (Oct 170)

Appendix:

CO Safety Moment
CO Poisoning Case Study
BP&P Section 7000 Duty of Care
Code of Conduct
Incident Report Form
Policy Child Abuse
Safety Tip Latern / Stove

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