# Carbon Monoxide

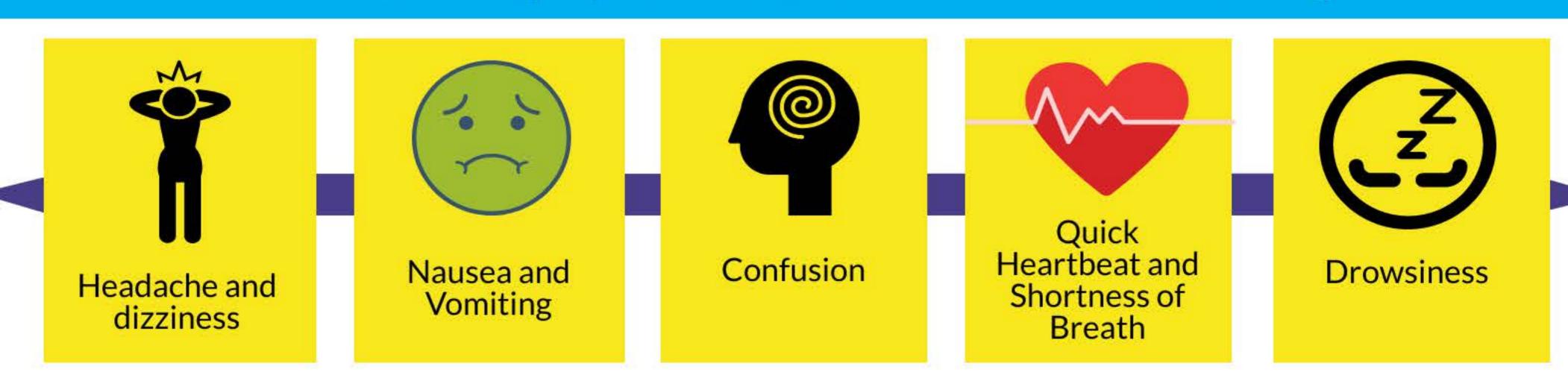
Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a gas that has no color, smell, or taste. Breathing carbon monoxide can cause death.



#### What Are Sources of Carbon Monoxide?



## What are Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning?





## How does this happen?

Carbon Monoxide can build up quickly in enclosed spaces, even with windows and doors open



Infants and young children



Pregnant women and their fetuses

Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at higher risk of carbon monoxide poisoning!

## What can I do?

Never use a generator inside the house and makes sure it is more than 6 meters from your home, windows, and doors

When using heaters, automobiles, fireplaces and gas stoves, make sure the area is well-ventilated with open windows and doors

Install batterypowered CO
detectors in
your home and
check frequently
that they are
working

If you or someone else is experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning, move to fresh air and seek medical attention.



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