



## What if? Safety Tips: Fire/Carbon Monoxide

Almost all fire-related deaths happen within the home. When it comes to fire and carbon monoxide safety, Safe Kids Worldwide recommends:

- Working smoke alarms reduce the chances of dying in a fire by nearly 50 percent. They are a critical first step for staying safe, but in order to be effective, they have to be working properly. For the best protection, install smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every sleeping area.
- Teach kids never to play with matches, lighters or fireworks.
- Create and practice a home fire escape plan with two ways out of your house in case of a fire. Use a watch to time how fast your family gets out.
- Children should know how to respond to the sound of a smoke alarm. Teach them to get low and get out when they hear it.
- Use common sense in the kitchen. Limit distractions when cooking and don't leave a hot oven or stovetop unattended.
- Make sure your home has a carbon monoxide alarm. As with smoke alarms, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home, especially near sleeping areas, and keep them away from fuel-burning appliances.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms, and vice versa. Combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are available.
- Don't use a grill or generator or inside your home, garage or by a window.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Don't leave an engine running inside a garage.
- If using gasoline-powered devices, store gasoline in a locked location where children cannot access it. Keep only small quantities in an approved container that has child safety features.
- Keep gasoline away from any source of heat, spark or flame. Even common household appliances such as water heaters and clothes dryers can start a gasoline fire. Be sure to store your gasoline safely.

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