



## U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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### WHAT TO KNOW: GENERATORS AND CO

Portable generators can be of vital assistance when the power goes out. But a generator can also be dangerous. A generator's exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide (CO) which can kill you and your family in minutes. You cannot see or smell CO. That's why it's called an "invisible killer."

⚠ DANGER	
Using a generator indoors <b>CAN KILL YOU IN MINUTES.</b> Generator exhaust contains carbon monoxide. This is a poison you cannot see or smell.	
 <p><b>NEVER</b> use inside a home or garage, <b>EVEN IF</b> doors and windows are open.</p>	 <p>Only use <b>OUTSIDE</b> and far away from windows, doors, and vents.</p>

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RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING SAFETY TIPS WHEN USING PORTABLE GENERATORS:

### DO'S

- DO read the label on your generator and the owner's manual, and follow the instructions.
- DO use portable generators outside only, far away from your home.
- DO install CO alarms with battery backup in your home outside sleeping areas.
- DO get to fresh air immediately if you start to feel sick, weak or dizzy. CO poisoning from exposure to generator exhaust can quickly lead to incapacitation and death.

### DON'T'S

- DON'T use portable generators inside a home, garage, shed or other partially enclosed space, even if doors and windows are open.
- DON'T use a portable generator near openings to your home including doors, windows or vents.