Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas that has no smell or color. Anything that creates a flame or smoke will produce some amount of Carbon Monoxide.

**Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning--**

- Flu-like symptoms, headaches, and dizziness.
- Soot on and around a stove, furnace, or water heater.
- A burning smell when the heating system is on.
- Rust or stains are present on vents or chimneys.
- An increase of condensation on the inside of windows.

**Basic Practices to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning--**

- Vent combustion systems correctly to the outdoors.
- Have furnaces, boilers, and stoves cleaned and inspected by a professional annually to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors near combustion appliances.
- Use the kitchen exhaust fan (that is properly ducted to the outside) when cooking or baking in a natural gas or propane oven, or open the kitchen window for ventilation.
- Cook on a hibachi or charcoal grill outside of the house and garage.
- Never keep a car’s engine running while the car is in an attached and/or closed garage.
- Never use an unvented combustion heater in your home.