

Wellfleet Fire Department



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What to do if your CO detector goes off

If anyone shows signs of CO poisoning

(headache / fatigue / shortness of breath / nausea / dizziness / flu-like symptoms):

- **Have everyone leave the building right away.** Leave windows and doors closed as you go to assist us in locating the source of the problem. Also leave on any furnaces, heaters, or other fuel burning appliances if they were on when the alarm sounded.
- Use a neighbor's telephone to dial 9-1-1 to notify the Fire Department. Be sure to inform the dispatcher if anyone is feeling ill.
- The Fire Department will respond to provide medical attention and to check your home for a source of the carbon monoxide

If no one has symptoms of CO poisoning:

- Call the Fire Department and explain that your CO detector is "beeping" and no one feels ill. Please leave windows and doors closed to assist us in locating the source of the problem. Also leave on any furnaces, heaters, or other fuel burning appliances if they were on when the alarm sounded. We will come and investigate the problem using our CO metering equipment.
- Be on the lookout for any symptoms of CO poisoning.
- **If any symptoms appear, leave the building right away, following the instructions above.**