# ARE THERE HEROES

**IN YOUR HOME?** 



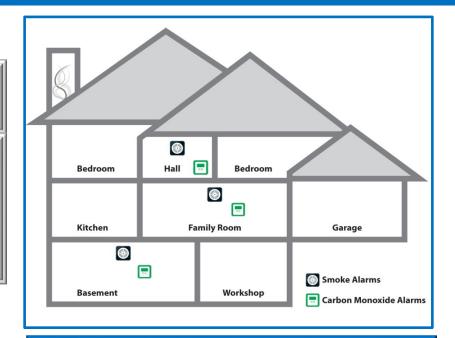
# CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

### **WHAT'S THE RISK?**

Over **80%** of all carbon monoxide (CO) deaths & injuries in Ontario occur in homes.

Many homes in Ontario have on average 4-6 fuel-burning appliances that produce CO:

- fireplace
- stove
- gas dryer
- water heater
- furnace
- portable fuel heater



# WHAT CAN ALARMS DO?

Only working CO alarms give you the warning of the presence of CO you need to keep your family safe.

Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms.

If your CO alarm sounds and you or other occupants suffer from symptoms of CO poisoning, **get everyone out of the home immediately**. Call 9-1-1 or your emergency number from outside the building.

# HOW DO I PROTECT MY FAMILY?

- Ensure all fuel-burning appliances and vents are inspected annually. Find a registered contractor at <u>cosafety.ca</u>.
- \* Effective January 1st, 2026, CO alarms are required on each floor and outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.
- ❖ Test CO alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Replace alarms according to manufacturers' recommendations.

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