

## **Is it a carbon monoxide false alarm when my CO alarm sounds when there doesn't seem to be a problem?**

Carbon monoxide false alarms should not occur if your alarm is in working order. Remember, CO is an odorless, colorless gas. If your CO detection device went off, it detected potentially harmful amounts of CO. After the professionals have evaluated the situation, make sure no one has any symptoms of CO poisoning. Here are a few situations that may cause "false alarms":

- The CO alarm needs to be relocated. CO detection devices should be located 15-20 feet away from all fossil fuel burning sources like furnaces and stoves. Alarms should be located 10 feet away from sources of humidity like showers.
- Fossil fuel burning appliances may not be burning fuel completely. Check pilot lights/flames for blue color. Appearance of yellow or orange flames indicates incomplete combustion—a source of carbon monoxide.
- The type and age of the CO alarm may cause a false alarm.