Why should I leave the carbon monoxide (CO) alarm plugged in all year?

Leave your carbon monoxide alarms plugged in all year. Carbon monoxide gas problems can happen at any time. Remember, your furnace or space heaters aren't the only source of carbon monoxide. Portable generators, gas ranges, water heaters, dryers, charcoal grills, gas-powered tools or vehicles left running in an attached garage can all cause carbon monoxide problems.