

SHREVEPORT FIRE

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"The Silent Killer"

Carbon Monoxide is the leading cause of accidental death in the United States. It is colorless, odorless, and tasteless and almost impossible for the human senses to detect. In fact, Carbon Monoxide is so hard to detect and so deadly, it has earned the nickname "The Silent Killer." If your home uses a gas fueled furnace or gas powered appliances, they must be properly maintained to prevent the release of Carbon Monoxide. An annual check-up includes a thorough inspection of the heating unit for cracks, holes, and leaks, which can release Carbon Monoxide into the air.

Even though proper maintenance of your gas powered furnaces and appliances are your best safeguard against poisoning in your home, you may want to invest in a Carbon Monoxide detector. If you do use a detector, be aware that Carbon Monoxide weighs less than oxygen and can be present in the upper part of a room (close to the ceiling) long before a detector placed on the floor will detect.