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Carbon Monoxide and Delayed Neurological Syndrome

Hidden Dangers Series

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Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning affects thousands of people each year, causing an average of 170 fatalities annually. It is a lethal gas that occurs when various types of fuel such as propane or natural gas, do not burn completely. It is also produced by burning anything containing carbon, such as wood or cigarette smoke. It has no odor of its own and cannot be differentiated from the substance burning that created it. The danger is one of the reasons that carbon monoxide levels should be carefully checked, especially if a client has any of the symptoms. To someone that is not aware they are being poisoned, it can feel as though something paranormal is happening, when there is actually a greater danger. What's worse, the symptoms may not show up until well after the exposure.

Carbon monoxide is hazardous when inhaled because it causes vital organs to be deprived of oxygen. Often, people that are exposed and treated at the hospital mistakenly believe the danger is over when in fact the poison is still doing damage. CO has lasting effects that often get worse before getting better. Delayed Neurological Syndrome occurs when the neurons to the brain have difficulty transmitting due to damage from oxygen deprived blood vessels.

The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning vary from headaches, nausea/vomiting, dizziness and drowsiness to chest pain, rapid heartbeat, hallucinations, and even serious personality changes. These symptoms may seem to go away at first, only to return days or weeks afterward. If you or anyone you know is exhibiting these symptoms, get medical attention immediately. These short term effects can lead to permanent damage and death.

Often a person may not know they are being poisoned or that the symptoms they are experiencing came from earlier exposure. Much of it depends on the level of CO in the air, how ventilated the room is, how long the exposure was, and how active the person was while being exposed. Mild symptoms do not mean the level of danger is any lower, and a person may be seriously poisoned without feeling the strong effects.

The best way to stay safe is to make sure a CO detector is installed and working. If a leak is suspected, waste no time in getting out of the home and to a hospital. If anyone in the home smokes cigarettes, have them do so outside and take caution in burning anything containing carbon. If you have been exposed and treated only to have your symptoms worsen as time goes on, again, seek medical treatment. TnT Paranormal Investigations LLC values safety above all else and encourage the education on the hidden dangers of carbon monoxide.

For more information, please check the following links

<http://www.diy-life.com/2010/09/06/protect-yourself-from-carbon-monoxide-poisoning/>

<http://firstaid.webmd.com/tc/carbon-monoxide-poisoning-what-happens>