

# Know the Dangers of Smoke

Did you know smoke is poisonous? It kills more people in home fires than flames.



Today, our homes are filled with human-made materials like plastic and compressed particle board.

These products burn quicker and give you less time to escape.

An illustration of a white CO detector with red signal waves on either side. Below it is a red speech bubble containing a white skull and crossbones icon and the letters 'CO'. To the right of the speech bubble, the text 'Carbon Monoxide (CO)' is written in blue, with wavy lines underneath representing smoke or gas.

**Carbon Monoxide (CO)**

The most common poison in smoke is carbon monoxide (CO).

CO can make you feel drowsy, and difficult to wake up and get out of your home.



## Smoke is hot!

It can irritate your eyes and throat, and make it difficult for you to breathe.

This happens even if you are far from the fire.



Thick black smoke can fill your home in a few minutes and make the inside completely dark.

It can travel through hallways, doors, ductwork, and cracks and openings in a building's walls and floors.

**If you see smoke, don't wait! Get out right away!**