

The generator mistake that kills families

- 1 Never indoors.** Not in the house, garage, basement, crawlspace or shed, even with doors and windows open.
- 2 20 feet out.** Run it outside at least 20 feet from the house, exhaust pointed away from doors, windows and vents.
- 3 No backfeeding.** Never plug a generator into a wall outlet. Use heavy-duty outdoor cords or a transfer switch installed by an electrician.
- 4 CO alarms.** Battery or battery-backup CO alarms on every level and outside sleeping areas. Test them.
- 5 Symptoms.** Headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, confusion. Get to fresh air and call 911.
- 6 Fuel.** Turn it off and let it cool before refueling. Store fuel outside living areas.

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Sources:

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