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Health & Safety Alert: Carbon Monoxide Poisoning and Safe Use of Portable Generators

OPWDD has issued a Health & Safety Alert, dated October 2012, discussing carbon monoxide poisoning and safe use of portable generators. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Carbon Monoxide, known as the “silent killer”, is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths nationwide. People are often unaware they are experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning until it causes physical symptoms, such as: headache, dizziness, nausea, weakness, vomiting, chest pain, and disorientation. The safe use of portable generators and what to do in the event of a carbon monoxide emergency is included in the Health & Safety Alert. MSCs are encouraged to share this information with individuals and families that they serve. The Health & Safety Alert can be accessed via OPWDD’s website at the following, direct link:

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_resources/safety_alerts/health_and_safety_alerts/portable_generators