



Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust

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Quick Review of Safety

Carbon Monoxide

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- Maintain clearance around ventilation intakes. Items positioned too close to intakes can restrict air flow.
- If any audible alarms for CO activate, you should evacuate immediately to the assigned meeting point and inform supervisors or managers of the problem.
- Opening windows or doors will not reduce carbon monoxide to safe levels immediately. If an alarm goes off evacuate the building and wait until given approval to reenter the premises.
- Any vehicle or piece of equipment that produces carbon monoxide should be operated outdoors or with proper ventilation.
- When servicing running vehicles, discharge exhaust outside using a duct or flexible hose connected to a mechanical exhaust system. Maintain all vehicles and equipment regularly. Poorly maintained or damaged equipment may create more carbon monoxide.
- If the ventilation equipment stops working report the situation to your supervisor or management. Stop operating fuel-burning equipment until the area is well-ventilated.
- Do not operate carbon monoxide-generating vehicles or equipment by a facility's fresh air intake vents.

IF EXPOSED

- Exit the area and seek immediate medical attention if you suspect you may have CO poisoning.
- Alert a supervisor.
- Warn others to avoid entering the affected area.

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