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Re: Winter safety tips to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning in your home.

The Divide County Sheriff's office would like to share with the public, the potential problems that come with the extreme cold weather conditions regarding carbon monoxide poisoning in your home. Carbon monoxide deaths are the highest in the winter season according to the CDC. The major problem with carbon monoxide is, you can't see it or smell it. We at the Divide County Sheriff's Office and the Divide County local fire districts recommend that each house hold have a Carbon monoxide detector or a combination smoke/carbon monoxide detector installed in your home. Our local businesses have plenty these units in stock, the price range for these units are from \$17 to \$60. Or you can simply order them online.

We have listed below some ideas to keep you and your loved ones safe from Carbon Monoxide.

- Make sure there isn't any snow or ice covering your roof vents, and check periodically to see if steam is coming from those roof vents.
- Remove snow or ice buildup from the roof and furnace vents outside your home during subzero temperatures.
- Have your Chimney checked and cleaned and make sure your fireplace damper is open before you start the fire.
- Never let your car warm up in the garage.
- The signs of Carbon monoxide poisoning are a Headache, Fatigue, Shortness of breath, Nausea and Dizziness.
- Make sure all of the water traps in sinks and bathtubs have water in them. If your sewer vent plugs it will syphon water from them. If this happens just run water into the drains to fill the again.
- When your Carbon Monoxide detector alarm is set off, immediately move yourself as well as others outside, call 911, and do not go back inside the house.

Remember, the winter season is the most deadly months for Carbon monoxide poisoning.