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## **GLENDALE FIREFIGHTERS WARN OF DANGERS OF INCORRECTLY HEATING HOME**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – As nightly temperatures continue to drop, the Glendale Fire Department warns of the dangers of incorrectly heating the home. Each year firefighters respond to medical emergencies involving carbon monoxide poisoning due to some families getting creative in an effort to stay warm during the winter months.

Carbon monoxide is produced when fuels go unburned. Many people try to stay warm by using unapproved devices and inadvertently fall victim to what firefighters call, “the silent killer”, carbon monoxide poisoning. It is called the silent killer because carbon monoxide cannot be seen and can’t be detected by smell or taste. Often times you may not know when it’s around until it is too late.

A common mistake that firefighters are still finding is the use of camping type stoves, ovens and even propane bar-b-q grills in the home as a source of heat. Only electric heaters that are approved are recommended to heat your home.

Another mistake occurs when people start their cars to warm them up while they remain parked in the garage while keeping the garage door closed. This can also be deadly. It doesn’t take long for the garage and home to be filled with the deadly gas. It is important to open the garage door before starting the engine, pull the car out of the garage to be warmed while it is parked outside of the garage.

**The Glendale Fire Department is asking everyone to install carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Carbon monoxide detectors work like smoke alarms do. They will sound when the odorless gas is detected to let everyone know it is time to get out and call 9-11. Carbon monoxide detectors can be picked up at most places smoke alarms can be found.**

More safety information can be found on these websites: [www.glendaleaz.com/fire](http://www.glendaleaz.com/fire) and [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

**The Glendale Fire Department is wishing you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!**

Glendale Firefighters are available for media interviews and carbon monoxide detector demonstrations.

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**The Glendale Fire Dept. is a nationally accredited agency**

**The Glendale Fire Dept. responds to more than 26,000 calls a year**

**Glendale firefighters remind you to use supervision around water**

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