

# ARE THERE HEROES IN YOUR HOME?



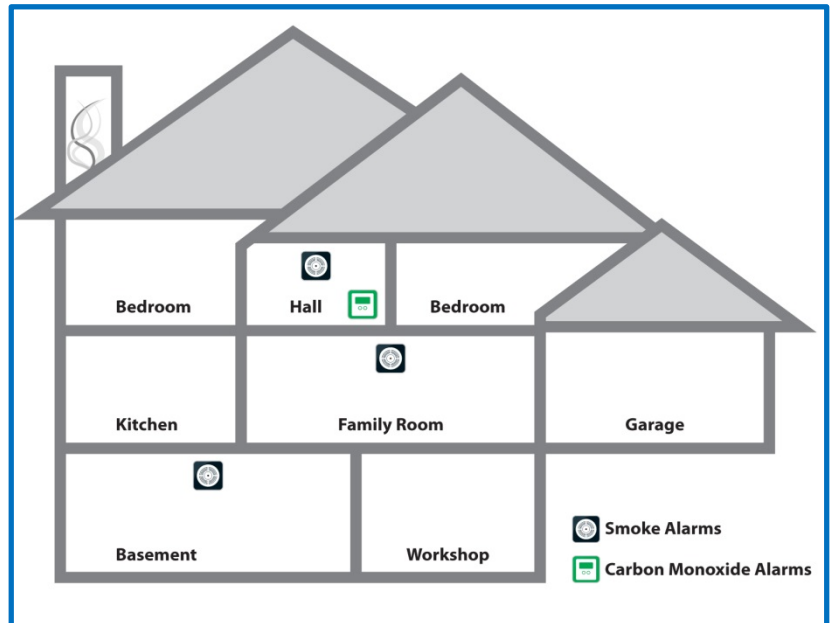
## CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

### WHAT'S THE RISK?

Over **80%** of all carbon monoxide (CO) deaths & injuries in Ontario occur in homes.

Many homes in Ontario have on average **4-6 fuel-burning appliances** that produce CO:

- fireplace
- stove
- gas dryer
- water heater
- furnace
- portable fuel heater



### WHAT CAN ALARMS DO?

Only **working CO alarms** give you the warning of the presence of CO you need to keep your family safe.

Exposure to CO can **cause flu-like symptoms**.

If your CO alarm sounds and you or other occupants suffer from symptoms of CO poisoning, **get everyone out of the home immediately**. Call 9-1-1 or your emergency number from outside the building.

### HOW DO I PROTECT MY FAMILY?

- ❖ Ensure all fuel-burning appliances and vents are inspected annually. Find a registered contractor at [cosafety.ca](http://cosafety.ca).
- ❖ Install CO alarms outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.
- ❖ For best protection, install CO alarms on every storey of the home.
- ❖ Test CO alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Replace alarms according to manufacturers' recommendations.