



- Do not use a cooktop or oven to heat their home as these appliances are not designed for this purpose and may result in carbon monoxide poisonings.
- Ensure your home has a battery operated carbon monoxide detector, which are available at local home improvement and retail stores.

In 2011 alone, there were 22 unintentional deaths and 934 non-fatal unintentional carbon monoxide poisonings in Michigan. Of those, 98 people were poisoned from carbon monoxide produced by generators and 23 from using a cooktop or oven as a heating source.

If carbon monoxide poisoning is suspected, get fresh air immediately and call 911. If the power is out for an extended period of time, residents should also:

- Discard any potentially hazardous food (meat, dairy, eggs, cut melons, and cooked vegetables) that has been above 41° F for four hours or more, reached a temperature of 45° F or higher for any length of time, or has an unusual color, odor, or texture.
- Wear layers of clothing to help keep in body heat.
- Avoid power lines, objects in contact with power lines, and the use of electric tools and appliances to prevent electrical shock.

For more information about carbon monoxide poisoning and poisoning prevention, visit [www.gchd.us](http://www.gchd.us).

To learn more about safety precautions during a power outage, visit

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/poweroutage/>.

