

CARBON MONOXIDE KILLS

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MIDWIFE SAVES FAMILY FROM CO POISONING

Environmental Carbon Monoxide (CO) enabled Midwife to save lives of mother and father to be.

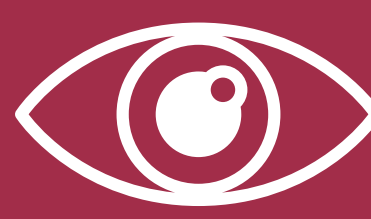
Jill and Simon are expecting their first baby. On the first midwife visit at home Jill is smoking 15 cigarettes per day and Simon 20 per day. Both stating that they smoke outside their home.

With the CO check baby monitor (MD Diagnostics Ltd) the environmental reading in the lounge showed 9ppm. This lead the Midwife to talk of other causes of a raised CO level including discussion around faulty gas appliances.

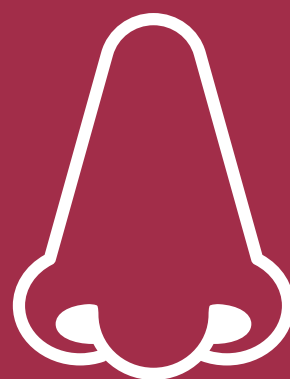
Subsequently Jill and Simon had their boiler checked and found it to be leaking CO. Now fixed, Jill, Simon and bump-to-be have a safe environment to live in. With the support from the Smoking in Pregnancy Midwife, Jill and Simon went onto have successful quits and remained smoke free postnatally.



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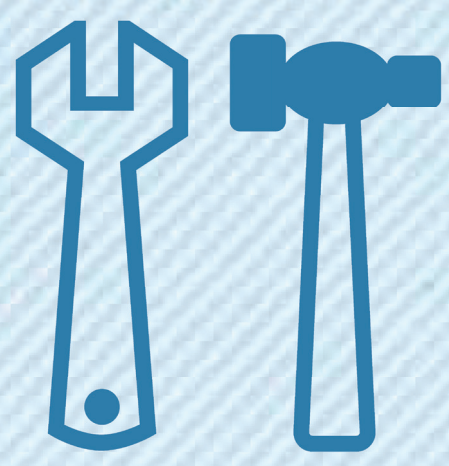


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THE SYMPTOMS TO CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING ARE SIMILAR TO FLU, A VIRUS OR FOOD POISONING

BARRIERS TO CO SCREENING

TIME CONSTRAINTS



UNSURE HOW TO USE EQUIPMENT CORRECTLY

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE



FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS

FEAR OF LOSING SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FAMILY



OTHER CAUSES OF HIGH CO READING

CIGARETTES INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS

FAULTY BOILER POLLUTION

LACTOSE INTOLERANCE SHISHA PIPE

FROM ENVIRONMENTAL CO POISONING THERE ARE APPROX.



4000 A&E ADMISSIONS

200 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS



30-50 DEATHS ENGLAND AND WALES

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CO POISONING



Headaches



Nausea



Breathless



Dizziness



Collapse



Unconsciousness

CO IN THE HOME

CO can also seep into your property from adjoining properties which are poorly insulated.



MANAGEMENT (COMA)



COHABITEES OR CO-OCCUPANTS



OUTDOORS



MAINTENANCE



ALARM



Fetal abnormality risks increase with maternal smoking and exposure

FETAL ABNORMALITY

Health & Safety



**executive helpline
0800 111 999**

**Council of gas and environmental monitoring
CoGDEM 0800 111 999, 0800 1694 457**

**Qualified heating engineer
GORGI consumer advice 0800 915 0485**

NHS Choices
www.nhs.uk/carbonmonoxide