



CO Poisoning

City of SeaTac, Wash. December 22, 2011 – After repeated attempts to contact the patient today were unsuccessful family members paid a visit and found the victim unconscious and unresponsive. Apparently due to having been overcome by carbon monoxide.

The patient had been utilizing a propane heater in the home and appears to have fallen victim to the noxious gases produced by the same. The patient has been transported to a local hospital for further treatment. At this time the condition of the patient is not known.

Carbon monoxide does its damage silently, often injuring or killing while the victims have no absolutely no concern that something could be going wrong. Two things happen when propane heaters are utilized in an area without adequate ventilation, first the heater consumes the oxygen in the air and secondly carbon monoxide is produced. Early symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure include headache, and nausea. As the CO level and exposure increases the victims feels dizzy, are confused and eventually will experience loss of consciousness.

SeaTac Fire and the city of SeaTac would like to remind everyone to only use heaters designed to be used in your home and to use them according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Additionally, make sure that you have working carbon monoxide detectors in the area.

About the City of SeaTac:

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 25,230. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the [Seattle-Tacoma International Airport](#), (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the [Port of Seattle](#). For more information contact Jeff Robinson, economic development manager, at (206) 973-4812.

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