Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Fire

☐ **Install a carbon monoxide (CO) detector and smoke detector, specifically near sleeping areas.**

  o **Renters- make sure you have a CO detector and smoke alarm provided by the property owner when you move in.**

  o **Place one CO detector and one smoke alarm on each floor if possible.**

☐ **Test/check your CO detector annually and your smoke alarm twice a year - never remove batteries.**

☐ **Do not take the batteries out of your CO detector or smoke alarm.**

☐ **Make sure natural gas, oil, wood and kerosene appliances are in good condition and used correctly.**

☐ **Turn off an appliance or heater that starts making different noises, smells funny, or does not seem to be working right. Call a professional for repairs.**

☐ **Read and follow the use & care instructions that came with your appliance or heater.**

☐ **Make sure electrical cords are in good condition and do not overload outlets.**

☐ **Ventilate (keep the door/windows open) the room when using a space heater.**

☐ **Provide good airflow around all heating appliances.**

☐ **Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.**

☐ **Make sure dryers and gas appliances vent outdoors.**

☐ **Never use a barbecue or generator in the home or closed garage.**

☐ **Never run your car in the garage, especially with the door down.**

☐ **Have the heating systems and chimneys inspected and cleaned by a professional at least once a year.**

☐ **Never run a generator, pressure washer, or gasoline powered engine inside a basement, garage, or other enclosed area- even if the windows and doors are open**

If you smell gas or if the smoke alarm or CO detector goes off, leave the building right away and call 9-1-1.

Resources:
o **Emergency: 911**
o **Local fire department:** (free CO detector & smoke alarm): (585) 428-1362
o **Monroe County Department of Public Health: 753-5075**
o **Community Environmental Health Resource Center http://www.cehrc.org/**