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**WHEN USING A GENERATOR**



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## **FOLLOW THESE GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS:**

- Use a properly rated extension cord to plug appliances into a generator. Do not daisy-chain appliances when using a generator.
- Never plug a generator into your home's electrical system.
- Place the generator at least 20 feet away from windows or doors.
- This 20-foot rule also applies to a porch or garage (or any part of the home).
- Set up and run your generator in a well-ventilated, dry area.
- If it is raining, place the generator under a stand-alone, canopy-like structure.
- Always direct exhaust away from the home and any door or window, when using a generator.
- Do not use a generator in a carport or garage even with the doors open. Exhaust gas can accumulate and cause carbon monoxide poisoning inside the house.

Ensure that working carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are located on every level of the home, and test them monthly. CO poisoning can happen quickly, and individuals exposed to the odorless, invisible gas may become unconscious before realizing they are experiencing symptoms such as nausea, dizziness or weakness.

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