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This issue of Emergency Management monthly covers everything from winter safety to children's roles in emergency response. The Emergency Management flight here at Buckley Air Force Base strives to ensure all personnel assigned to BAFB and their families are

provided the highest quality information to stay ready for any hazard. Don't hesitate to call or email any member of the Emergency Management flight with questions, comments/suggestions concerning this periodical or any Emergency Management related concerns.

***Prepare
Plan
Stay Informed***



EM Resources

- Air Force Be Ready - <http://www.beready.af.mil/>
- FEMA - <http://www.ready.gov/>
- Ready Colorado - www.readycolorado.com

Class Schedule

CBRN Defense Survival Skills - 04 and 16 Jan, 1 and 20 Feb, 1 and 20 Mar

Emergency Operations Center - 25 Jan, 22 Feb, 22 Mar

Unit Control Center - 25 Jan, 22 Feb, 22 Mar

Contact your Unit scheduler for more information or to get scheduled for training.

The Invisible Killer

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is also known as the “Invisible Killer” because it is a colorless, odorless, and poisonous gas. Every year, an average of about 150 people die from accidental non-fire related CO poisoning associated with consumer products. These products include generators and other fuel burning appliances such as water heaters, fire places, stoves, and furnaces that are improperly used or incorrectly vented. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that several thousand people go to hospital emergency rooms every year to be treated for CO poisoning.

What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?



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What can you do to prevent CO poisoning?

- Install a Carbon Monoxide alarm. Alarms can provide added protection, but there is no substitute for proper use and upkeep of CO producing appliances.
- Never operate a fuel burning appliance or burn charcoal indoors without proper ventilation. Even with windows or doors open, spaces can trap CO and allow it to

quickly build to lethal levels.

What should you do if you are experiencing symptoms of CO poisoning?

- Get fresh air immediately! Go outside, leave the home, and call the fire department or 911. Call your doctor for a proper diagnosis and ensure a qualified service person checks your appliances.

Should CO alarms be tested?

- Yes, most CO alarms have a test button to self test the alarm. They also have a recommended replacement age that tells you the approximant life of the sensor.



Winter Worries

Did you know Colorado accounts for one-third of all avalanche deaths in the United States since 1950? On 20 December 2006, the majority of Colorado was covered with 19-40 inches of snow depending upon the area! Approximately 2,300 avalanches are reported to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center every season, and many more go unreported. When snow pack becomes unstable and is released, it rapidly descends downslope and can exert enough force to destroy structures and uproot large trees.

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Blizzard Warning - 35mph or greater sustained winds or frequent gusts and considerable amounts of snow fall, reducing visibility to less than a quarter mile, are expected for 3 hours or longer.

Blizzard tips:

- Winterize your vehicle (full gas tank, anti-freeze, snow tires, washer fluid)
- Have disaster supplies and food (batteries, first aid, non-refrigerated food)
- Mitigate (bring in pets, heating equipment, snow removal equipment)



Avalanche Tips:

- Check for favorable avalanche conditions at Colorado Avalanche Information Center.
- Recent avalanche activity in the area indicates that the snow is unstable.
- Carry a shovel, beaconing device, airbags or other breathing devices.



**START PREPARING
TODAY**

Key Phone Numbers at Buckley AFB

Airmen Against Drunk Driving	720-847-7433
SARC Hotline	720-847-7272
Safety	720-847-6715
Law Enforcement Desk	720-847-9930
ECC Fire Dispatch	720-847-9929
ECC Security Forces Dispatch	720-847-9250
Central Security Control	720-847-9250
460 SW Command Post	720-847-4600
140 WG Command Post	720-847-9955
BX	720-859-9626
Commissary	720-847-7100
Snow Line	720-847-7669

What To Do With The Kids

As a parent you may wonder, “how can I get my kids involved with emergency management planning?”

The answer to that might be easier than you think. All it takes is a family gathering to discuss with them what they feel is important to have during an emergency, such as a power outage. FEMA recommends to have enough supplies to last three days without

power.

You can put a plan in place by creating a checklist for an emergency event and assigning them duties to help build an emergency kit. You can also assign them roles they can undertake prior to the event happening, such as having them seal off windows and doors with towels.

Be sure to check out www.beready.af.mil or www.ready.gov/kids for children's activity sheets and even more great information.

