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Carbon monoxide poisoning killed family in Woodstock

Accidental carbon monoxide poisoning has been ruled responsible for the deaths of a family of 4 in Woodstock, Ontario. A blockage in a gas fireplace was determined the cause. Police say a pipe in the inner working of the basement fireplace had become plugged with carbon. Once ignited, the fireplace filled the home with lethal levels of carbon monoxide.

The Peterborough Fire Department reminds everyone to purchase a carbon monoxide detector to protect their family from this deadly gas. It is also important to have a qualified technician inspect your fuel burning appliances and chimneys. Keep snow away from outside vents. Never ignore a CO alarm. If your CO alarm sounds leave the house and call the fire department or 911, never re-enter your home.

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca

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