

Threat rises during the winter

# Survey shows few consider CO poisoning a serious risk

It is an important issue for homeowners during the winter season. Risk of carbon monoxide is elevated in the winter with the increased use of furnace, fireplaces and fuel-burning appliances.

More than half of Canadians do not perceive carbon monoxide poisoning to be a serious risk despite it being the number one cause of accidental death in North America according to a national OmniCan study commissioned by Kidde Canada.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odourless, colourless and tasteless gas and is one of the least understood dangers around the home. Young people aged 18-24, are the least aware of the causes of

CO poisoning (24 per cent), and alarmingly, 16 per cent of the total 1,501 Canadians surveyed could not name a single risk factor.

One-half of people surveyed knew that CO poisoning can be attributed to fuel-burning household appliances such as furnaces, while 36 per cent consider CO only as a by-product of vehicles. The common sources of CO around the home are fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, water heaters, ovens and clothes dryers as well as wood or gas fire places and attached garages.

"Carbon monoxide is a potential threat in the majority of Canadian homes. It is especially important that homes have

at least one CO alarm in winter when there is an increased use of furnaces and many people spend more time in their homes" says Carol Heller, Vice President, Residential Products for Kidde Canada.

Quebec was the only region in Canada where the majority of respondents perceived CO poisoning to be a serious risk (60 per cent), Ontario residents placed second at 40 per cent versus only 28 per cent in the Prairies and 23 per cent in the Maritimes.

Carbon monoxide alarms are the best defense in the event of a leak. Many homes would not be without a smoke alarm, Canadians should take the same precautions with carbon monoxide

alarms. Dual combination Smoke Alarm and CO detectors units are available from Kidde, including a bilingual 'talking' alarm that has a built-in voice chip and is programmed with the messages "Fire, fire", "Carbon monoxide", and "Battery low" to report the exact problem loudly and instantly. There are also digital read alarms that show if levels have increased over time, alerting families if there is growing leak.

Just as smoke alarms, CO alarms do not last forever. They should be replaced every seven years.

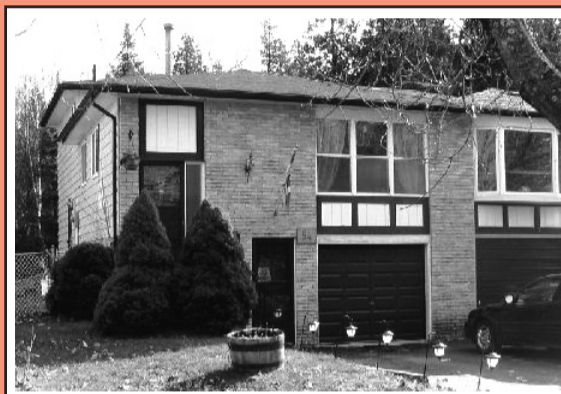
For more information on protecting your family, visit: SafeAtHome.ca

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**COUNTRY HOME ON PRIVATE 2 ACRES \$499,900**

Well cared for sidesplit nestled on 2 acres. Living room with cathedral ceiling & hardwood floors. Custom designed kitchen with cathedral ceiling, bleached oak cabinets, ceramic floors, breakfast area & walkout to deck & screened-in porch. (15'6" x 11'6"), sunken sunroom with pellet stove, high efficiency windows & ceramic floor. 3 bedrooms, family room with hardwood floors & wood fire-place, office or 4th bedroom. 1-5 pc washroom & 1-3 pc. Double garage/workshop with studio/guest suite. 10 minutes to town of Georgetown. Please call Michele\* or Gord\* to view.



**FIRST-TIME BUYER'S \$229,500**

Spacious 4 level backsplitted semi located at 54 Greenore Cres. in Acton features 3 bedrooms, paved drive, built-in garage with entrance, fenced backyard (backs onto greenspace), living room with walkout to deck, updated 2 pc washroom, large eat-in kitchen, large dining room with new laminate flooring. Fast closing available. \$229,500. Call Barry McNabb\* at 1-888-656-4348



**3 BEDROOM FAMILY HOME IN TOWN OF ACTON \$299,900**

Close to shopping & recreation centre. Brick walkway, paved drive, front porch, foyer with ceramic flooring. Walk-in from garage with gas fireplace (for workshop area). Master bedroom with ensuite, main floor family room, living room with gas fireplace. Eat-in kitchen with ceramic floors & walkout through 8' doors to 20' x 20' (irregular) deck & fenced backyard. Partially finished basement. 3 washrooms. Great family area!



**WELCOME TO ROCKWOOD \$362,500**

2 storey family home in quiet neighbourhood. Walk in to mud room from double car garage. Foyer with hardwood floors. Sunken living room, separate dining room with hardwood floors. Bright kitchen with bleached oak cabinets, ceramic floors & breakfast bar open to family room with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, gas fireplace & breakfast room with terraced doors to patio & fenced backyard. 3 bedrooms, master bedroom with ensuite & walk-in to finished office/loft area. Central air & central vac. Large landscaped lot. Call Gord\* or Michele Dawe\*.



**BEAUTIFUL 10 ACRES IN THE HEART OF ROCKWOOD \$289,900**

Scenic wooded acreage banking onto the Eramosa River. Access to town sewers & water. Conservation controlled with an area of residential building with approval. A one time opportunity to build your dream home on 10 acres in the village of Rockwood. Call Gord\* or Michele Dawe\*.



**NEW**

**ARENA AREA - ACTON \$295,000**

3 bedroom family home, walk to arena, schools, shopping, toddler park. Neutral decor. Kitchen has upgraded cupboards with ceramic tile backsplash, upgraded appliances, breakfast bar and 8 foot sliding doors to back yard. M/br w/ensuite and m/bath with oversized tub. Large foyer w/ceramic tile, central air, water softener. Broadloom and ceramic flooring throughout. Large linen/storage cupboard with window above on stair landing. Fast closing available. Call Barry McNabb\* at 1-888-656-4348.



**\$599,000**

**CENTURY STONE HOME BUILT IN 1840 "THE SQUIRE STRANGE HOUSE"**

This historical landmark was originally built in 1840 with a stone addition in the 1860s by Henry Strange for his wife and 14 children. This majestic home sits high on 1.12 acres overlooking the Eramosa River with 100' of river frontage. Centre hall plan, up & down staircase, crown mouldings, 12' baseboards, pine floors, deep sills, 10'10" ceilings, sun room with exposed stone walls, large principal rooms. 8 fireplaces originally heated the home in the 1800's. Italian stone masons were hired to craft the Italian moulding on the ceilings. Call Michele\* or Gord Dawe\* for the residential & commercial uses of this phenomenal property.

**RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOT \$105,000**

Close to schools and shopping. 62.11 x 69.25 foot lot. Services at centre of road. Water allowance available. Sketch available proposing 2 storey dwelling with garage available. Call Gord Dawe\*.



**SOLID AS A ROCK - CENTURY HOME**

2 storey stone house on 1.2 acres backing onto parkland. Bright eat-in kitchen, extra large living & dining room, perfect setting for an old fashioned Christmas, lots of room to entertain. 4 bedrooms & upper floor laundry, ideal for growing family. Historic stone garage & studio, 40 x 60 barn can easily be converted to 3 car garage & workshop. The possibilities are endless for this immaculately kept property. Call Deb Patterson\*.



**REDUCED**

**\$199,900**

**AFFORDABLE COUNTRY**

2 bedroom bungalow in hamlet of Ospringe. Open concept with cozy brick fireplace in living room. Large bay window in dining room, w/o from living room to private side deck. Private yard with mature trees backing onto open fields. 20 mins. to two lakes, fishing, watersports etc. 30 min. to 401 at Milton. Steps to convenience store, 10 km to shopping and 22 kms to major hospital. Call Deb Patterson\*.

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