

Safety Reminder: Check Your Vents

Winter is in full swing, even if it can't make up its mind from one day to the next. With the constant weather fluctuations, build up of snow, ice or both can occur where least desired! Because of this it is important to remember to regularly inspect any furnace, dryer and range-hood vents your home may have. Snow, especially blowing and drifting, can build up along side your home and can potentially block your furnace vents. Ice from freezing rain or constant temperature fluctuations can build up on your kitchen range-hood or dryer vent louvres, causing them to be sealed shut. Blocked vents for gas fired appliances and furnaces could lead to a rapid spike in Carbon Monoxide levels in your home, which can be deadly if not detected in time. This is why it is important to inspect your outside vents on a regular basis and ensure they are clear and operating properly. Also, ensuring your home has an appropriate number of working CO Detectors (one outside bedrooms, and one on every level of your house is recommended) is the best early warning device to keep you safe. Remember, CO has no smell and the side effects can be subtle until it's too late...

For more information, please check out the CO Prevention section, or visit the NFPA's webpage on [Carbon Monoxide Alarms & Safety](#).

