



# THINK SAFETY FIRST

## WHEN USING A GENERATOR

Keep this card with your portable generator or emergency kit.

### FOLLOW THESE GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS:

- Use a properly rated extension cord to plug appliances into 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 or any other structure a person could enter.
- Do not use a generator in a garage (even if the garage door is up) or carport.
- Read and follow all instructions provided by the manufacturer.
- Keep your generator well-maintained and in proper working order.

Ensure that working carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are located on every level of your 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. Or, they might not associate a symptom with CO exposure before becoming unconscious.

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