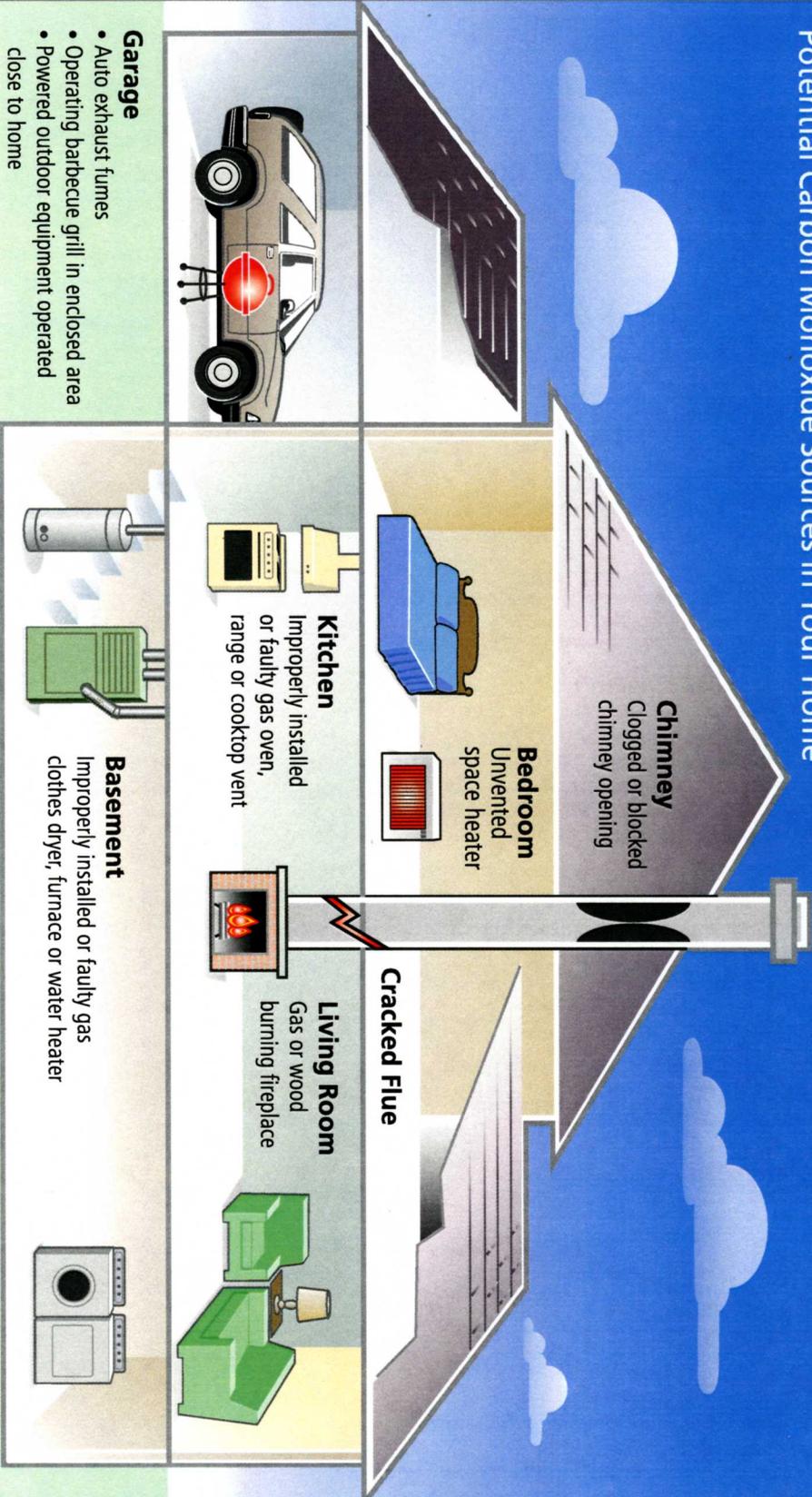


# The Silent Killer:

## Potential Carbon Monoxide Sources in Your Home



Carbon Monoxide (CO) is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in America. The odorless, tasteless and colorless gas, known as "The Silent Killer," is undetectable to the human senses. CO is produced by common household appliances that burn fossil fuels, including gas or oil furnaces, water heaters, clothes dryers, space heaters, gas ovens and wood burning or gas fireplaces. Other potential sources include cracked flues or blocked chimneys, car exhaust fumes entering the house from an attached garage, lawnmowers, propane garage heaters, power washers and propane fired pool heaters. Early symptoms of CO poisoning such as headaches, nausea and fatigue are often mistaken for the flu and the gas goes undetected in the home. Prolonged exposure to CO can lead to brain damage and even death. Installing a carbon monoxide alarm on each level of the home is the first line of defense homeowners have against this household hazard.