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## **Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

How many of you have seen a Carbon Monoxide Detector plugged in a wall outlet? I see this quite often. Carbon Monoxide is slightly lighter than air so it moves like a ghost in our homes. This hazardous by-product from our gas appliances always moves slowly upward. This is why a CO Detector should always be mounted about six inches from a ceiling and never at the level of floor wall outlets.

An improperly mounted Detector gives us a false sense of security and puts us in harms way. The proper locations in a home to mount a CO Detector are many and vary from house to house.

*You should never mount this device in these areas:*

1. Never in a kitchen or a bathroom.
2. Never less than six or seven inches from the ceiling.
3. Never next to a window that can be opened.
4. Never directly over an appliance.

I hope this information will help you and your clients in maintaining a safe environment in your homes.