

## Device Could Save Lives in Home Garages

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(ABC 6 News) – It’s a warning we hear time and time again. Make sure to have a working carbon monoxide detector in your home, but for those who spend more time in their garage, there's a new device that could save your life.

"It’s colorless, odorless, tasteless, so you wouldn't be able to detect it until it’s too late," said Albert Lea Firefighter Bart Berven. He says they detect high levels of carbon monoxide, more often than you’d think. "In 2011 we responded to approximately 100 carbon monoxide calls," said Berven.

Other than shutting off the source, the best remedy is to let in fresh air, and a newer product, does that step for you. "It has a built in sensor so that if the door is in the closed position, the sensor will pick up the carbon monoxide and tell the door to open," said Ron Nelson. They sell it at his store, the Overhead Door Company in Albert Lea.

This can be an important detail for those who'll be spending time in the garage. "You may not know there's carbon monoxide in the air but if you’re working on your lawn mower, your boat, or your car, this is a very good way to make sure you’re in the safest environment possible," said Nelson.

He says the product has only been out for a couple months. "We just ordered the product on as a detector because it’s a great safety device and its new and innovative," said Nelson.

Though the fire department's first recommendation is to have a detector by your bed... "If you want to have more detectors, it sure isn't going to hurt anything," said Berven.

The device runs a few hundred dollars and can be added to your existing garage door opener. There are companies in North Iowa and southeast Minnesota that offer installation at an additional charge.