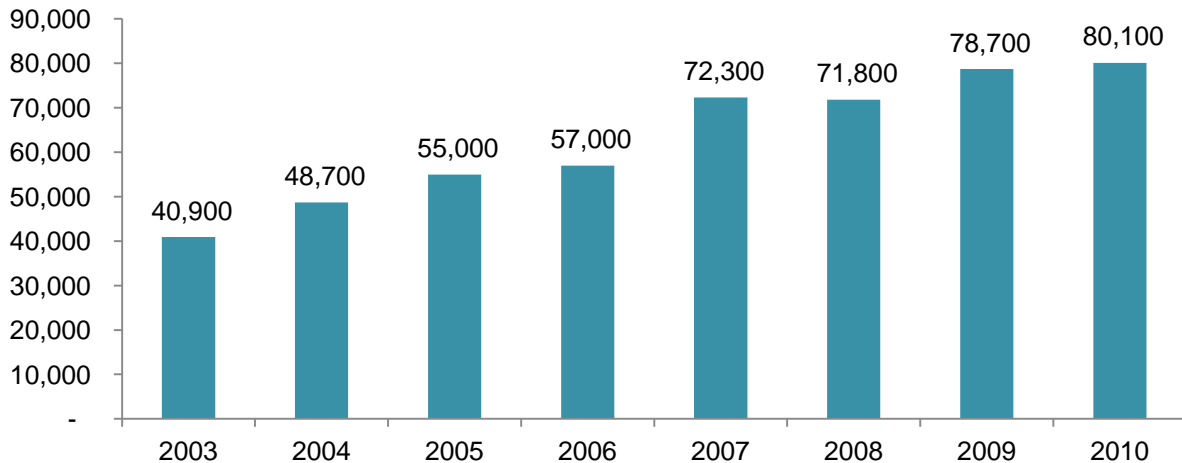


Non-Fire Carbon Monoxide Incidents Fact Sheet

During 2006-2010, an estimated 72,000 non-fire carbon monoxide incidents were reported to U.S. fire departments each year: These incidents have been increasing over time.

Non-Fire Carbon Monoxide Incidents by Year 2003-2010



- These incidents are more common between the months of November and February
- Most incidents (94%) occur in residential properties, with 73% in one- or two-family homes
- Carbon monoxide alarms are more common in the early evening hours, peaking around 8:00 p.m.
- In 2008, there were an estimated 189 carbon monoxide poisoning deaths associated with the use of a consumer product in the U.S.

CARBON MONOXIDE

Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

Additional resources can be found at www.nfpa.org/CO