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Take a Portable Generator Camping

CLEVELAND, OHIO (May 11, 2015) – When camping takes you to a remote location, be prepared with temporary electric power. Taking along a portable generator can provide your camp with power this summer and keep you and your family from spending a night without power.

“As a reliable source of backup power, portable generators can be an added benefit to any camping experience,” said Susan Orenga, representative for the Portable Generator Manufacturers’ Association (PGMA). “Portable generators allow campers to be comfortable, providing the flexibility of having power when and where it’s needed – even in the most remote of locations.”

Portable generators can power items such as small appliances and heaters, allowing for flexibility and comfort while away from home. However, precaution should be taken when using portable generators. Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide. You cannot smell, see or taste carbon monoxide, and it can be deadly. Here are some key safety tips to remember while operating portable generators:

- **Keep generators outdoors.** Only operate a generator outside, far away from windows, doors and vents to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Do not use portable generators inside tents, campers or partially-enclosed spaces.
- **Always place your portable generator downwind.** Pointing the exhaust away from camp is critical to avoid carbon monoxide accumulating in occupied spaces.
- **Be prepared.** Install a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm in your camper or at your campsite and according to manufacturer’s instructions. Always read and follow the operator’s manual before starting the generator.

“Campsites can be a populated area, so it is possible that any carbon monoxide you might breathe could be coming from another source,” said Orenga. “That’s why it is important to utilize battery-operated carbon monoxide alarms at your campsite and in your camper at all times.”

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The symptoms of low-level carbon monoxide poisoning can be similar to those caused by other illness such as cold, flu or food poisoning. If you suspect you or a family member are experiencing any of these symptoms due to carbon monoxide poisoning, get outside to fresh air immediately and call 911 for emergency medical attention.

To learn more, visit pgmaonline.com.

About Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association

The Portable Generator Manufacturers Association (PGMA) is a trade association that seeks to develop and influence safety and performance standards for the portable generator industry and its products. Formed in 2009, PGMA members include the major manufacturers of portable generators sold in North America including [American Honda Motor Co.](#), [Briggs & Stratton Home Power Products](#), [Champion Power Equipment](#), [Generac Power Systems](#), [Kipor Power Equipment](#), [Subaru Industrial Power](#), [Techtronic Industries Power Equipment](#), [Wacker Neuson Production Americas LLC](#) and [Yamaha Motor Corp USA](#).

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