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Safe Portable Generator Use Provides Convenience and Flexibility For Outdoor Recreational Activities

CLEVELAND, OHIO (October 2016) – When fall and winter activities like camping, hunting and ice fishing take you to remote locations, portable generators can provide you with the power you need to remain comfortable and enjoy the great outdoors.

“Portable generators can provide power for added flexibility, comfort and convenience during nearly any outdoor recreational activity,” said Susan Orenga, Executive Director for the Portable Generator Manufacturers’ Association (PGMA). “However, it is extremely important to educate yourself on proper use to avoid the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning for a safe and enjoyable experience.”

Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide—an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas that can be deadly when portable generators are used incorrectly. To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, users should always [take portable generators outside](#), away from windows and doors. That means never running your portable generator inside your camper, home, garage, shed or basement, where emissions can build up and linger for hours—even after the generator has been shut off.

Additional facts on portable generator safety include:

- **Keep generators outdoors.** Do not use portable generators inside tents, campers or partially enclosed spaces.
- **Always place your portable generator downwind.** Pointing the exhaust away from your campsite, hunting or fishing location 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, according to manufacturer’s instructions.
- **Educate yourself.** Always read the operator’s manual first and follow the manufacturer’s recommended precautions and procedures.
- **Be aware.** If you feel sick, dizzy or weak while using your portable generator, get to fresh air immediately and call 911 for emergency medical attention.

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Watch a [video](#) on portable generator safety and access more information and downloads at www.TakeYourGeneratorOutside.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](#), [Techtronic Industries Power Equipment](#), [Wacker Neuson Production Americas LLC](#) and [Yamaha Motor Corp USA](#).

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