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**June is National Camping Month.
Brush Up on Portable Generator Safety.**
Know the rules for RV parks, campgrounds, and rest stops.

June 8, 2023—June is National Camping Month, formally kicking off a summer season in which millions of people will get away from it all by camping and RVing. Many will want to bring some of the comforts of home along with them, and they'll need portable generators to power these creature comforts. The best thing about hitting the road for a camping adventure is that you can end up almost anywhere. But that also carries the responsibility of understanding safe portable generator operation no matter where you are – an RV park, campground, or even a rest stop.

Portable generators are popular for powering refrigerators, TVs, stoves, and lights when away from home power. But users still need to be aware of basic safety. The [Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association \(PGMA\)](#) warns that misuse of portable generators can result in exposure to dangerous – even deadly – carbon monoxide (CO).



To promote a safe National Camping Month and beyond, know these simple, but potentially lifesaving, rules:

Always read the operator's manual first. Be sure to choose portable generators with automatic CO shutoff systems that meet the ANSI/PGMA G300-2018 standard. Keep the generator outside and far away from doors, windows, vehicles, truck beds, and openings to campers and tents. Always position the generator so fumes are pointed away from your RV, truck/car, trailer, tent, and people. Always be aware of your neighbors and keep fumes pointed away from them, too.

Also, know the symptoms of CO poisoning. They include headache, dizziness, nausea, fatigue, and shortness of breath. If you feel symptoms, leave the area right away.

Use a portable CO detector on your travels. There are many models available.

By observing these safety rules, campers can safely operate their portable generators on their adventures in the wilds of the U.S.

For more information, a [campground safety fact sheet](https://www.takeyourgeneratoroutside.com/) is available on PGMA's dedicated safety website, <https://www.takeyourgeneratoroutside.com/>.

About PGMA

Formed in 2009, PGMA members include major manufacturers of portable generators sold in North America and a significant majority of the industry. The Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association (PGMA) develops and influences safety and performance standards, including the only comprehensive portable generator standard, ANSI-PGMA G300 www.pgmaonline.com.

Member companies include: American Honda Motor Co., Champion Power Equipment, DuroMax Power Equipment, Firman Power Equipment, Generac Power Systems, Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc., JD North America, Yamaha Motor Corp USA, and associate members, Figaro USA, Inc., GenTent Safety Canopies, and Nemoto Sensor Engineering Co. Ltd..

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