Generator Safety

Post this where the generator lives.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

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1 OUTSIDE ONLY

Never in a garage, shed, porch, carport or basement — including with the door open.

Well clear of the building, exhaust pointed away from windows, doors and vents. Carbon monoxide is colourless and odourless, and an open door does not ventilate a garage.

2 NEVER INTO A WALL SOCKET

It energises the utility lines and can kill someone working to restore your power.

Outdoor-rated cords to appliances, or transfer equipment fitted by a licensed electrician under permit. There is no acceptable brief exception.

THE REST OF THE RULES

in the order they tend to bite

- ☐ Let it cool before refuelling
  petrol on a hot exhaust ignites
- ☐ Fuel in approved containers, outside living space
  within the local fire code quantity, and rotated
- ☐ A running cover made for the machine
  never a tarpaulin, never a crate, never a shed
- ☐ Outdoor-rated cords, heavy enough for the load
  undamaged, and not pinched in a doorway
- ☐ Sized on running watts, with headroom left
- ☐ Children and pets kept clear of exhaust and housing
- ☐ Tested before the season, under load
  oil checked, fuel age checked
- ☐ Extinguisher nearby, rated for flammable liquids

CARBON MONOXIDE

A working CO alarm on every level

It is the only warning you get. Test it before the season.

If it sounds, go outside first

Then call from outside. Do not stop to look for the source.

NOT ON THIS SHEET

Interlocks, transfer switches, inlet boxes, bonding and grounding. That is wiring, not a posted rule — a licensed electrician, under permit, to local code.

CO alarms last tested: _____ **Fuel last rotated:** _____

Our electrician: _____ **Utility outage line:** _____

Outdoors, clear of the building, exhaust pointed away. Never into a wall socket.

General information, not a wiring procedure. Clearance distances, fuel storage limits and permit requirements are set by the manufacturer's manual and by local code. On a workplace or a shared site, the rules of the workplace regulator and of your employer take precedence over this sheet.
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