



# Snow & Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

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## Don't let this happen to you:

In 2005, 7-year-old Nicole Garofalo died of carbon monoxide poisoning in her Plymouth, Massachusetts home after snow blocked the heating vent, forcing the deadly gas back into the home.

## Heating Vents and Fresh Air Intakes:

Many newer, high-efficiency heating systems, including pellet stoves have the vents and fresh air intakes located near the foundation, just a few feet above the ground. If these vents and intakes become blocked, or partially obstructed by accumulating or drifting snow, or ice they can cause serious carbon monoxide problems in the home.

## Check and Clear the Snow:

Residents are urged to clear the snow from around the vents, fresh air intakes, gas meters and regulators.



## Install Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

- Install on every level of your home.
- Test monthly
- Are your batteries OK?
- "Change the clocks change the battery" on your smoke *and* CO detectors.