

# 5 Steps to Portable Generator Safety



Portable generators are useful when the power goes out, but if not used safely, they can cause injuries and death.

Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents.

Make sure you have carbon monoxide alarms in your home.

Do not use a generator in a wet area. This can cause shock or electrocution.

Connect appliances to the generator with heavy-duty extension cords.

Do not fuel your generator when it is running. Spilling gas on a hot engine can cause a fire.

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