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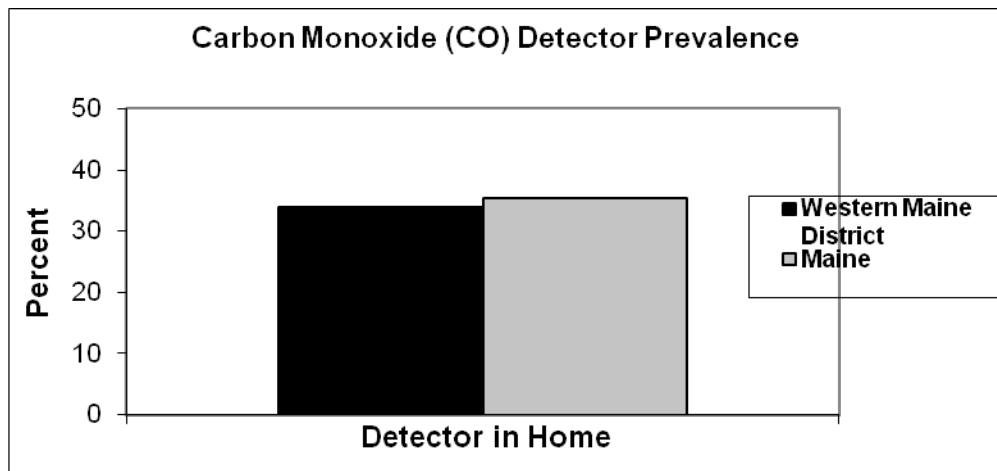
Environmental Health

Carbon Monoxide Detector in Home

In Maine there are about 150 Emergency Room visits for carbon monoxide poisoning each year.

Having a carbon monoxide (CO) detector in the home can prevent injury and death from exposure to carbon monoxide.

Improved monitoring of exposures to carbon monoxide is a national objective in *Healthy People 2010*. Data is tracked by Maine CDC's Environmental Health program. To find out more about carbon monoxide exposures in Maine: www.maine.gov/dhhs/eohp/air/co.htm



*Source: 2004 BRFSS. Respondents answering 'yes' to "A carbon monoxide or CO detector checks the level of carbon monoxide in your home. It is not a smoke detector. Do you have a carbon monoxide detector in your home?"

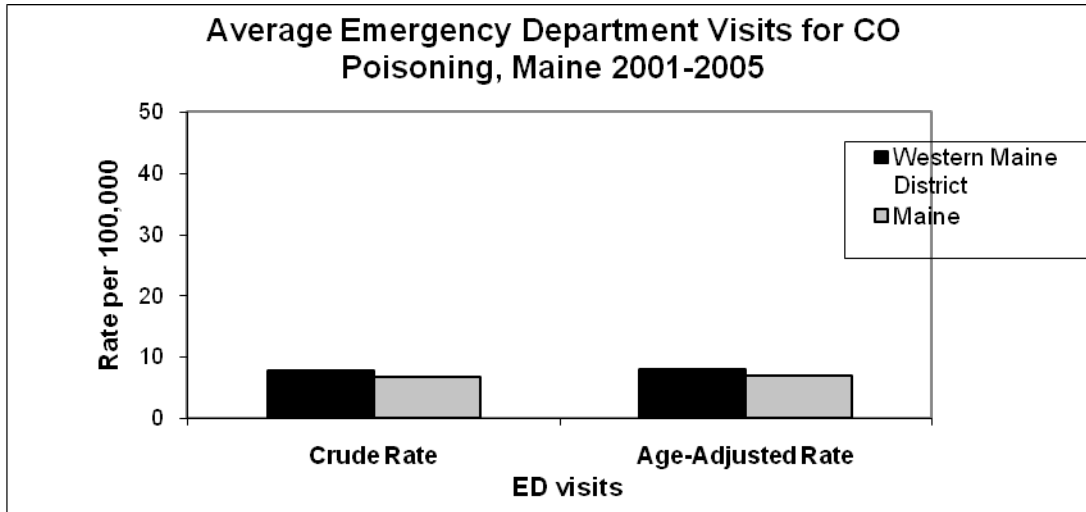
	Western District Percent (± Margin of Error)	Maine State Percent (± Margin of Error)
Homes with carbon monoxide detector*	33.9 (± 4.6)	35.5 (±1.7)

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Emergency Department Visits for Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning

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*Source: 2001-2005 Maine Health Data Organization, inpatient discharge data.
Note: Data presented are for unintentional, non-fire related CO poisonings.

	Western District Age-Adjusted Rate (± Margin of Error)	Maine State Age-Adjusted Rate (± Margin of Error)
ED visit rate for CO poisoning*	8.0 (± 1.9)	6.9 (±0.7)

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