



COMMUNITY SAFETY

How a highly skilled workforce can protect our community and save lives.

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The Chase and Tyler Foundation is a national not-for-profit charity, dedicated to the prevention of death, injury and illness caused by accidental carbon monoxide poisoning. We do this through awareness, education, advocacy and research.

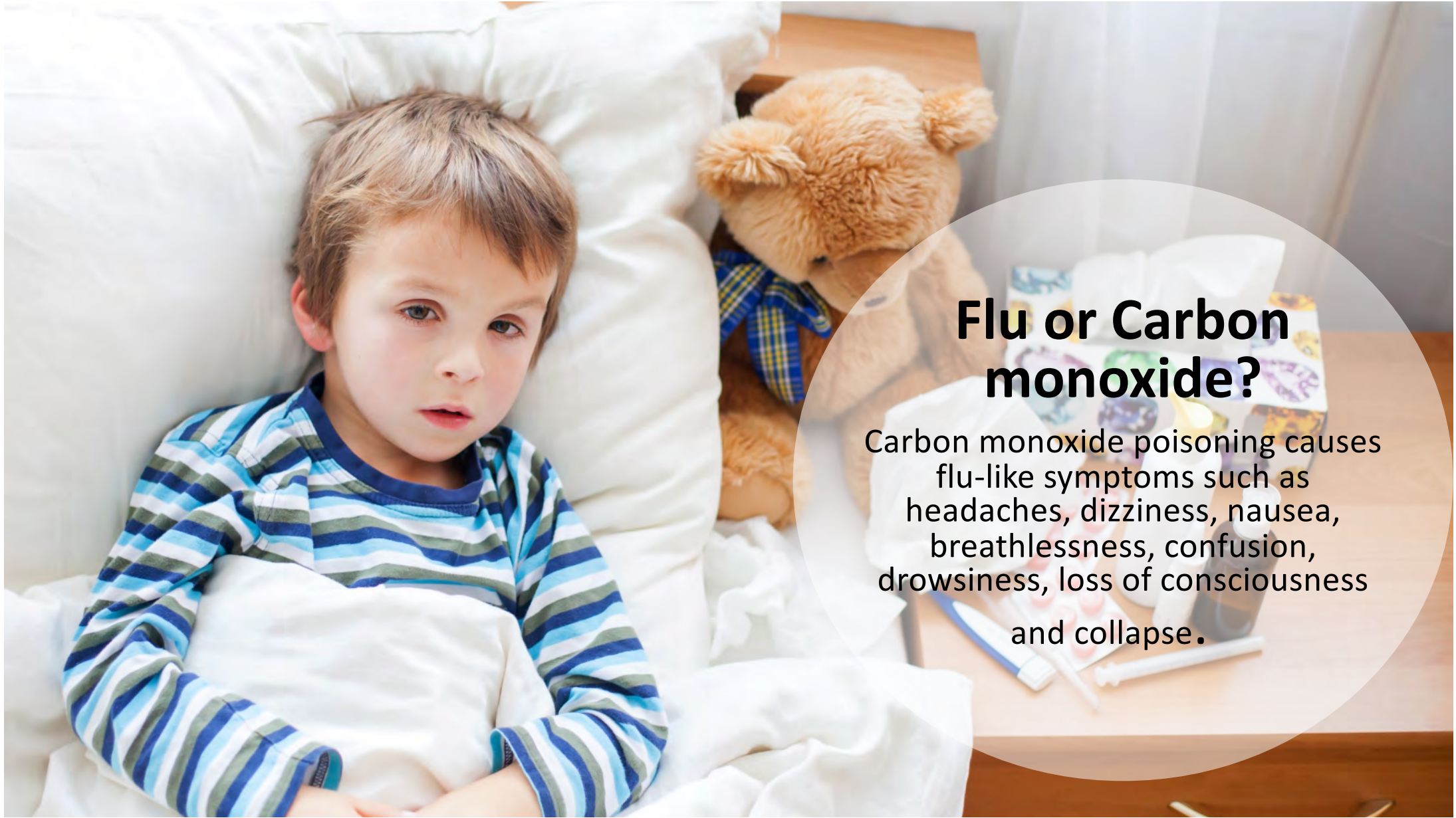


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What is carbon monoxide (CO)?

Carbon monoxide, is produced by the incomplete combustion of various fuel sources such as coal, wood, charcoal, oil, kerosene, propane and natural gas.



Flu or Carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide poisoning causes flu-like symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, nausea, breathlessness, confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness and collapse.





So where to from here?

Legislation of gas appliance servicing in all public and private rental housing

There is no mandatory gas appliance servicing across Australia when it comes to public housing and private rentals. Many tenants are left vulnerable and are being denied the basic right of safety in their homes. Until this is legislated across each state in Australia, people will continue to have their lives put at risk.

Higher quality training and apprenticeship

These people that are taking on apprentices and training in the plumbing sector are our future. Let's pass along the deep-seated knowledge existing within our current technicians and we need to ensure this is implemented into our training and education, to equip the skills and knowledge of our future technicians.

Mandatory Continuous Professional Development.

Continuous Professional Development is paramount in keeping plumbers updated with industry changes, developments and increasing skill sets. We need to ensure we continue to learn and evolve with technology.

Phasing out of old technology.

Moving forward we would like to see the open-glued gas appliances phased and. But we also need a plan to ensure that older technology that will continue to exist for many more decades, we have appropriately trained technicians to be able to ensure these operate safely within homes.



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