



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5.2321 Powerboat safety month.

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The month of April is designated as "Powerboat Safety Month" to emphasize the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning that can occur on a powerboat. During the month of April, or more often as determined by the director of natural resources, the department of natural resources shall disseminate information to the public about all of the following:

- (A) Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, and deadly.
 - (B) Gasoline-powered engines on boats, including onboard generators, produce carbon monoxide, which may poison or kill a person who breathes in too much of it.
 - (C) Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are flu-like, so they often go unheeded until it is too late.
 - (D) It is advised that a powerboat owner install and maintain a working carbon monoxide detector on the owner's boat.
 - (E) A powerboat owner should keep carbon monoxide from accumulating at deadly concentrations and make sure that outlets are never blocked.
 - (F) A powerboat owner should always dock, beach, or anchor at least twenty feet from the nearest boat that is running a generator or engine.
 - (G) Open air boating may reduce, but does not eliminate, the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and death.
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