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Mobile Pet Grooming Vans & Trailers: Power Safely — Protect Pets, Clients, and Crews

***PGMA reminds mobile businesses: generators belong
outside, away, and never enclosed***

September 30, 2025 - Mobile pet grooming and other on-the-go businesses increasingly rely on portable generators for power. The **Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association (PGMA)** urges operators to follow the same life-saving safety practices recommended for homeowners: run generators outdoors, keep exhaust away from people and animals, and monitor for carbon monoxide (CO).

“CO is invisible and odorless — and in a closed van, it can accumulate fast,” said PGMA spokesperson Guillermo Rodriguez, Sr. Director Global Product Safety and Product Compliance at Harbor Freight. “We want every mobile operator to plan a safe generator zone before the appointment, aim exhaust away from openings, and use CO detectors inside the work area.”



Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include, but are not limited to, headache, dizziness, nausea, fatigue, and disorientation. If you are experiencing any of these while operating a generator, seek fresh air and medical attention immediately.

PGMA also encourages the purchase and use of portable generators that meet ANSI/PGMA G300-2018 or later safety standard requirements, which include built-in CO shut-off systems to protect against dangerous carbon monoxide levels. Mobile businesses should also have a secondary CO detector within the truck for added protection. PGMA's core guidance for mobile operators: Take It Outside® — operate portable generators outdoors only and far from any occupied dwelling. Users are to point exhaust away from vans/trailers, doors, windows, and air intakes, and never enclose the generator (no “sheds” or sound boxes that trap exhaust/heat).

PGMA has a web site exclusively dedicated to portable generator safety information. It can be found at <https://www.takeyourgeneratoroutside.com/>.

About PGMA

The Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association (PGMA) is a trade association that seeks to develop and influence safety and performance standards for our industry's products. The Association is also dedicated to educating consumers and tradespersons on the safe use of portable generators and has developed the Take it Outside® campaign to support its mission. Formed in 2009, PGMA members include major manufacturers of portable generators sold in North America and a significant majority of the industry. www.pgmaonline.com.

Member companies include: American Honda Motor Co., Champion Power Equipment, DuroMax Power Equipment, Firman Power Equipment, Generac Power Systems, Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc., JD North America, and associate members, Figaro USA, Inc., GenTent Safety Canopies, and Nemoto Sensor Engineering.

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