

LEARNING ABOUT PORTABLE GENERATOR SAFETY

Teacher's Resource Guide



Educating students about portable generator safety.





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Welcome to PGMA's Generate Safety Education Program!

As an educator, you strive to help prepare children for their futures. PGMA's Generate Safety education program helps fulfill that mission by teaching kids about portable generator safety now, establishing a solid foundation of safe behaviors they can carry into adulthood.

Portable generator safety isn't just for adults. In fact, teaching kids about portable generator safety has immediate benefits ... and long-term benefits, too.

First, they'll learn how to recognize proper vs. improper portable generator operation and signs of CO poisoning, equipping them to protect themselves from danger. This education also creates safe habits they will remember as they get older, creating the next generation of SAFE portable generator users.

Plus, once they're educated on safe portable generator practices, they'll be sure to remind their parents! Safety is a family matter, so let's start informing them now.

PGMA's curriculum of teaching materials, in age-appropriate language, helps make learning about portable generator safety fun and interactive. Together, we can Generate Safety!

A little bit about PGMA

We are a trade association that seeks to develop and influence safety and performance standards for our industry's products. We are also dedicated to educating consumers on the safe use of portable generators.

https://www.pgmaonline.com/





Why is portable generator safety so important?

Portable generators are efficient, affordable sources of power that become life-saving tools in times of emergency. They provide secondary power to keep food and medications properly refrigerated, keep the lights on, power communication devices, and more.

Unfortunately, when used improperly, they can also be deadly. Year after year, people suffer carbon monoxide poisoning due to improper usage of portable generators - such as using them indoors, in partially enclosed spaces, or too near doors, windows, and vents. Other potential hazards include electric shock or electrocution, fire and burns. These tragedies are all preventable just by following a few simple, clear guidelines. The Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association (PGMA) has developed messaging and materials related to safe operation. Information and preparedness now can help prevent tragedy.

Our mission is to inform about the safe operation of portable generators with quality, plentifully available resources that promote proper usage of these necessary devices and save lives.







Take It Outside: Your resource for portable generator safety information.

To help mitigate the hazards of portable generator misuse and educate the public about safe best practices, PGMA created the Take It Outside campaign, with an accompanying website dedicated to safe usage of portable generators.

You can visit the website and access its in-depth information here: https://www.takeyourgeneratoroutside.com/

The purpose of Take It Outside to keep safety top of mind, with a name that sums up the key to safe operation. Take It Outside—that's the only safe place for your portable generator to be operated.

Watch the Take It Outside video.

We've developed a brief, informative video about safeguarding against CO inhalation when using a portable generator.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPq323L7jEw&t=3s







Teacher's Resources

To help you teach your students about portable generator safety, we've created a full curriculum of teaching materials, in age-appropriate language aimed at two kid audiences: elementary schoolers in K-6th grade and middle- and high-schoolers in 7th-12th grade. Resources for K-6th, with easy-to-understand messages and bold, kid-friendly graphics, are available below. Since the learning activities cover a broad range, we suggest teachers use their discretion as to which activities are most appropriate for their student's age ranges.



Kindergarten through 6th grade

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Where and When Portable Generators Can Help

Learning Activities

















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Resources for 7th-12th grades, with appropriately more sophisticated messaging that still retain a fun presentation, are available below. Since the learning activities cover a broad range, we suggest teachers use their discretion as to which activities are most appropriate for their student's age ranges.



