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Seven people treated for CO poisoning in Hudson duplex

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HUDSON — An in-home carbon monoxide detector alerted residents to a dangerous leak inside a Hudson duplex Wednesday morning.

Hudson Fire Capt. Dave Morin said one of the 11 Rangers Drive home's occupants called 911 shortly before 8:30 a.m. after several people inside the home reported feeling ill. A carbon monoxide detector inside the home showed readings ranging from 50 to 60 ppm.

Local fire officials immediately sent a squad truck and ambulance to the home, which was promptly evacuated.

Morin said readings conducted by rescue crews revealed high carbon monoxide levels in both sides of the duplex. Seven residents were treated at the scene, though no one was transported to the hospital.

Further inspection of the property revealed a leak in the piping to a gas furnace. A local gas company was alerted and the problem was being repaired Tuesday morning.

Morin said occupants would be able to return once repairs are complete.

Early symptoms of CO poisoning include nausea, dizziness and stomach pain. The condition can become fatal quickly if left untreated.

Officials from the Centers for Disease Control stress the importance of home CO detectors as well as proper ventilation for all gas appliances.

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