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### Manitowoc County Health Department Awarded Funding to Improve Carbon Monoxide Awareness

The Manitowoc County Health Department was awarded \$10,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to increase access to carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in the community.

“Information from the 2023 [Environmental Health Profiles](#) show that the number of ER visits due to unintentional carbon monoxide exposures in Manitowoc County are higher than that of our surrounding counties and the state” said Manitowoc County Health Department Director, Korina Aghmar.

The Health Department will be working with community partners to increase awareness on the importance of CO detectors, what to do if an alarm goes off and ways to reduce exposure to carbon monoxide. A limited number of free CO detectors will be available to targeted populations in Manitowoc County that do not have CO detectors or are at higher risk for carbon monoxide poisoning.

“Manitowoc County has a large population of groups who may be at higher risk for being exposed to carbon monoxide including a large rural community” said Korina. Through various outreach efforts we aim to increase knowledge surrounding carbon monoxide and remove barriers that prevent residents from having lifesaving detectors.”

The project in Manitowoc County is one of seven environmental public health projects being funded throughout the state through the *Taking Action with Data* funding opportunity from the [Wisconsin Environmental Public Health Tracking Program](#), which is housed at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

For information on carbon monoxide visit [WI DHS Air: Carbon Monoxide](#).

Mission: “To protect and promote the health of Manitowoc County in partnership with our community”