



CLEARING THE AIR

When the temperature's dropping outside, there's nothing like being inside your nice warm Paladin. 'Course that can also put you at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning!

Carbon monoxide comes from personnel heater exhaust, the engine, and from firing the main gun. If the vapors aren't vented, carbon monoxide levels will increase until they become deadly.

Your best protection is awareness and ventilation. Follow these basic tips to ensure proper ventilation:

- Do your PMCS on time. That's the only way to make sure ventilation systems and blowers are working properly.
- Never operate the personnel heater in an enclosed area unless it is adequately vented.
- Do not idle the engine for long periods unless you're sure the personnel compartment is ventilated.
- Do not drive your Paladin with the inspection plates, cover plates or engine compartment doors removed unless it's necessary for maintenance.
- Be alert at all times for the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headaches, dizziness, loss of muscular control, and drowsiness. If you experience these symptoms, get out of the vehicle, stay warm and avoid physical exertion while waiting for medical attention.