

A CASE OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING - Unfortunately there are many variations

Despite seeing many Specialists, CO Poisoning was never diagnosed, although one Specialist did ask if the female worked with any dangerous chemicals. (Once cause was found same Specialist said that you could not get CO Poisoning from the new gas!) She was subsequently discharged as it was all “Psychosomatic”!

Exposed (faulty gas fire) for approx 9 months

SYMPTOMS – Male aged 46 (Smoker)

Thoroughly honest, decent, hardworking, loving and highly respected man suffered a “**Change of Personality**”. Became aggressive and violent (triggered by little things, e.g. pipe cleaners), crafty and cunning. Also became very manipulative, told lies and was very contradictory. (Everything female said to him it was either “it isn’t, it wasn’t or it doesn’t”. Long pauses when speaking making it appear as if he had finished when he hadn’t. He would jump in and say “Let me finish, let me finish!”

Subsequently

For a week or two suffered very bad night sweats.

Had to have a triple heart bye-pass operation.

Occasional bouts of Sinusitis.

Wife eventually had to seek help from a Domestic Violence Group.

Husband referred by doctor to an Anger Management Course – he was kicked off after two sessions because they could not handle him!

Vehemently denied that he had been affected and it was approx. 11 years before he did so and was like his “old self”. Laughs at serious things. Throws temper tantrums like (terrible 2’s)

Recall memory affected.

SYMPTOMS – Female aged 44 (Smoker)

Running eyes. She wears gas permeable contact lenses and the Specialist blamed these. She had a new pair fitted but it was at least a couple of months before the problem cleared.

The floor “disappearing” – ‘like walking on sponge’ – she was disorientated. (We have since heard this symptom described as being like “the bends”).

A red rash on both sides of her neck.

A large red blotch on her left foot.

The muscles over her ears throbbed and hurt.

Symptoms made worse by exposure to diesel exhausts (buses)

She had a blue tongue.

She had two kidney infections.

Her naturally shiny hair had gone very dull.

Voice affected

Subsequently

For a week or two had bad night sweats and at times her insides seemed to “fizz”.

Suffered from frequent bouts of sinusitis.

Going “up and down” feeling.

When she stopped walking her body seemed to “carry on”, this lasted about fifteen years.

IQ affected.

Very bad reaction to prescription drugs.

Now has Chronic chest problems, Chostocondritis, neck and balance problems.

Has many allergies and cannot tolerate alcohol, in particular red wine!

Recall memory not affected.

