

Gas safety inspections

This leaflet contains important safety information.



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If you have not had a gas safety inspection in the last 12 months please contact us immediately on 0800 121 60 60* or 01795 434 606**

Gas safety inspections

We carry out a free annual service to make sure that gas appliances in your home are safe. It will take about an hour to complete.

As your landlord, we are legally obliged to ensure that a gas safety inspection is carried out every 12 months. The annual safety inspection is very important and will help ensure that the gas appliances in your home are safe.

We will make arrangements with you to come and carry out the gas safety inspection. If you are out when we call, we will leave a letter to inform you we have been. You must contact us as soon as possible to arrange another appointment.

If you do not answer our letters, or if you fail to keep any appointments made we will take legal action against you to get into your home to do the gas safety inspection.

If you want to know when your next service is due please contact us.

Important

If you smell gas or think there is a leak, don't wait for the service. Phone the national gas emergency number on 0800 111 999.

Make sure you:

- Turn off your gas supply immediately
- Do not turn electric switches on or off
- Do not smoke
- Do not use any naked flames
- Once the gas has been turned off, open the windows and doors to let in plenty of fresh air.

Gas safe register

From 1 April 2009, Gas Safe Register replaced the CORGI gas registration scheme. Only Gas Safe Registered engineers are lawfully able to carry out gas works or checks at your home. If you have a gas repair always check the ID card of the worker. They will need to be a Gas Safe Registered engineer and not any other. We will only send registered engineers to your home for gas safety checks.

Carbon monoxide poisoning

Unsafe gas appliances produce a highly poisonous gas called carbon monoxide. It can cause death and serious long term health problems such as brain damage.

Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur when you breathe in small amounts of the gas. You can't see, smell or taste carbon monoxide, so you won't know it is there. You won't necessarily notice the smell of gas.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning

Many of the symptoms of carbon monoxide are similar to those of flu, food poisoning, viral infections, or simple tiredness. It is common to mistake the symptoms for something else. Remember the six main symptoms to look out for are headaches, dizziness, nausea, breathlessness, collapse, loss of consciousness.

You are at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning if:

- Your appliance has not been checked for safety or maintained regularly
- Your appliance was poorly installed
- Your appliance is not working properly
- There is not enough fresh air in the room
- Your chimney or flue gets blocked up
- You allow non-registered Gas Safe engineers to install or maintain your gas appliances.

Gas safety do's and don'ts

Do

- Make sure that all rooms are well ventilated when an appliance is being used
- Make sure you give Gas Safe engineers access to inspect/repair your appliances
- Make sure you contact us if you are unsure when your last inspection was.

Don't

- Use gas cookers for heating
- Sleep in a bedroom with a paraffin heater or an unflued gas fire
- Use a gas appliance if you think it is not working properly
Signs to look out for include yellow or orange flames (except for fuel-effect fires which display this colour flame), soot or stains around the appliance and pilot lights which frequently blow out
- Cover an appliance or block the convection air vents
- Block or obstruct any fixed ventilation grilles or air bricks
- Block or cover outside flues.

Carbon monoxide alarms are a useful back-up precaution but must not be regarded as a substitute for proper installation and maintenance of gas equipment by a Gas Safe registered installer.

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