

I'm Staying
GAS SAFE!

I SERVICE...

my gas appliances every 12 months and not just using anybody! I found an engineer on the GAS SAFE REGISTER at www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk who has checked that:

- my appliance is **positioned** in the right place
- my appliance is **burning correctly** and **not producing carbon monoxide**
- **harmful gases** are **safely removed** from the appliance to the air outside
- **ventilation** routes are clear
- **safety devices** are **working**



I'VE CHECKED...

for signs that my gas is not working properly. I know that I should CALL FOR HELP if:

- my appliance is burning with a **lazy yellow flame** (a healthy flame is crisp blue as illustrated)
- I can see **soot, black marks or staining** on or around my gas appliances
- the **pilot light** keeps **going out**
- there is a lot of **condensation** on the windows



I'VE ENSURED...

my gas appliances are properly VENTILATED by:

- **keeping flues, chimneys and air vents clear** to allow my appliances to work correctly
- having the **chimney swept** if I have a gas, coal, wood or peat burning fire, no matter how often or little I use it
- **checking chimneys and flues** for bird's nests, leaves and other natural debris **to make sure nothing is blocking the exit**
- **agreeing a date** with my neighbour to get shared flues or chimneys **checked** every year



I'M AWARE...

of the symptoms of CARBON MONOXIDE:

Signs of a good night out? Or carbon monoxide poisoning?



HEADACHES



NAUSEA



BREATHLESSNESS



COLLAPSE



DIZZINESS



LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS



I'M AWARE...

of the health effects of CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING:

- carbon monoxide poisoning occurs when you breathe in **even small amounts of the gas**
- carbon monoxide gets into your blood stream and prevents your **red blood cells from carrying oxygen**. Without oxygen, your body tissue and cells die
- levels of carbon monoxide that do not kill can cause **serious harm** to health **when breathed in over a long period of time**
- long term effects of carbon monoxide poisoning include **paralysis** and **brain damage**. Such long term effects occur because many people are unaware of unsafe gas appliances and subsequent carbon monoxide poisoning

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I'VE GOT BACK-UP...

because carbon monoxide has no taste, smell or colour. A CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM:

- gives me an **audible warning** which will help to ensure I am alerted even when asleep
- looks similar to a smoke detector and is easy to fit

Before purchasing a carbon monoxide alarm, I made sure it was officially approved to **BS:EN50291:2001 or 2010** and had a **British or European approval mark on it, such as a Kitemark.**

BUT

While an alarm will alert me to carbon monoxide in my home, **it is no substitute for using a Gas Safe registered engineer to ensure my appliances are serviced properly.**



If I smell gas, the contact number to call the 24 hour emergency gas service for my area is:

> Great Britain:
0800 111 999

> Guernsey:
01481 749 000

> Isle of Man:
0808 1624 444

> Northern Ireland:
0800 002 001

> Jersey:
01534 755 555



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