

# GAS SAFETY ON HOLIDAY

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## TAKE CARE, BE GAS SAFE AT HOME AND AWAY

Whether staying in a B&B, villa, chalet, hotel, caravan or boat, Gas Safe Register recommends that anyone taking a trip away in the UK or abroad follows these simple gas safety precautions.

Knowing what signs to look out for could save your life.

### FOLLOW GAS SAFE REGISTER'S TOP TIPS TO STAY GAS SAFE

- Ask if the gas appliances in your accommodation have been safety checked and serviced. If you're holidaying in the UK in cottages or caravans the landlord must do this by law – so ask the landlord for an up-to-date gas safety record.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are rare overseas. If you take one away with you, make sure it is suitable for travel.
- Appliances in holiday accommodation will be different to those you're used to at home. If you're not sure how they work, read the instructions, or ask your holiday rep for help.
- Gas cookers and gas BBQ's should not be used for heating and require adequate ventilation when in use.
- Recognise the signs of dodgy gas appliances. Black marks or stains around the appliance, lazy yellow or orange flames instead of crisp blue flames and too much condensation are all signs that gas appliances aren't working properly.
- Don't mistake carbon monoxide poisoning with other holiday sicknesses, such as food poisoning, dehydration or a hangover. The six main symptoms are: headaches, dizziness, nausea, breathlessness, collapse and loss of consciousness.



### IF YOU SMELL GAS OR THINK THERE MIGHT BE A GAS LEAK:

- turn off the gas at the meter
- extinguish naked flames
- open windows
- leave the area
- inform the owner or holiday rep immediately
- seek medical advice if you feel unwell

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Badly fitted and poorly serviced gas appliances can cause gas leaks, explosions, fires and carbon monoxide poisoning – which can be fatal
- 10 people died from gas related incidents in the UK last year and 330 were hospitalised
- There is an official list of over 120,000 legal and qualified gas engineers in the UK called Gas Safe Register
- Gas safety regulations may vary depending on your destination

For further information please call Gas Safe Register on **0800 408 5500** or visit [www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk](http://www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk)

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