

LET'S TALK

GAS SAFETY

**“I see Beryl’s
got the gas
man round.”**

**“Hope she’s checked he’s
on the Gas Safe Register.”**



Your guide to gas safety



What is Gas Safe Register?

Gas Safe Register is the official list of gas engineers who are legally allowed to work on your gas appliances. The Register is there to help protect you from unsafe gas work. You might remember it used to be known as CORGI.

When you have your gas boiler, cooker or fire fitted, fixed or serviced, always use a gas engineer who is on the Gas Safe Register.



How do I find a Gas Safe registered engineer?

Call the free helpline on **0800 408 5500**. We can help you find a local Gas Safe registered engineer and tell you if they're qualified for the type of work you need them to do. Alternatively visit the Gas Safe Register website at:

www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk

Ask for the ID card

All Gas Safe registered engineers carry an ID card to show you they are Gas Safe registered when they turn up at your door. Always check the card. It's best to make sure, even if you've seen the yellow Gas Safe triangle on their van or a friend recommended them.

All gas work is different and the back of the ID card tells you if they're qualified for the specific job you need them to do.

Remember to check both sides of the ID card for:

- the licence number
- the start and expiry date of registration
- the work your engineer is registered to do
- the engineer's up-to-date qualifications
- the security hologram

If you're still not sure call us on **0800 408 5500** and we'll be pleased to help you.

Licence No. **3456789**

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GAS safe REGISTER

Name
Patrick Brian Glover
Company
**Glover & Sons
Gas Installers**

Registration No. **123456**
Valid from **01/04/2011**
Expires **31/03/2012**

To confirm the validity of this card please contact Gas Safe Register on: **0800 408 5500** or online at: **www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk**
If this card is found please return to Gas Safe Register, PO Box 6804, Basingstoke, RG24 4NB

Domestic	Gas	LPG	Non-Domestic	Gas	LPG
Pipework	31/03/12	31/03/12			
Cooker	31/03/12	31/03/12			
Fire	31/03/12	31/03/12			
Water Heater	31/03/12	31/03/12			
Gas Boiler	31/03/12	31/03/12			
Comb Analysis	31/03/12	31/03/12			

The cardholder is deemed competent only in the categories of work identified by a date.

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Why do I need to use a Gas Safe registered engineer?

In the right hands gas is safe, but badly fitted and poorly serviced gas appliances can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas. It has no taste, colour or smell and it can make you seriously ill.

Signs you should get your gas appliances checked immediately by a Gas Safe registered engineer are lazy yellow flames instead of crisp blue ones, black marks on or around the appliance, or too much condensation in the room.

If you are suffering from headaches, dizziness, nausea, breathlessness, collapse or loss of consciousness and you don't know why, it might be a sign of carbon monoxide poisoning and you should see a doctor immediately.

Did you know you can buy a carbon monoxide alarm from your local DIY store to alert you if there is carbon monoxide in your home? It works in the same way as a smoke alarm. Alarms cost about £20 and special alarms are available for the hard of hearing – remember though it shouldn't replace regular servicing of your gas appliances.

If you have had gas work done in the last six months you can nominate it for a free safety inspection. Call Gas Safe Register on **0800 408 5500**.

Let's talk renting

If you rent your home, your landlord has to have the gas appliances safety checked and serviced once a year by law. For proof of this annual check, your landlord must by law give you a copy of the Landlord's Gas Safety Record.

As a tenant always:

- Ask for a copy of the current Landlord's Gas Safety Record before you move in or within 28 days of the safety check being done.
- Check the Gas Safe Register ID card of any gas engineer that comes to do work in your home.
- Cooperate with your landlord and let a registered engineer in when a gas safety check or servicing has to be done.

If a landlord refuses to regularly service and safety check your gas appliances you should call the Health and Safety Executive on **0800 300 363**.

Gas safety tips

- ✓ Only use a Gas Safe registered engineer to fit, fix or service your gas appliances.
- ✓ You can find or check a Gas Safe registered engineer by calling **0800 408 5500**.
- ✓ Always check your engineer's Gas Safe Register ID card.
- ✓ Get your gas appliances regularly serviced and safety checked every year.
- ✓ The poisonous gas carbon monoxide cannot be seen or smelt. Fit a carbon monoxide alarm to alert you if there is carbon monoxide in your home.
- ✓ If you smell gas or think there might be a gas leak, turn off the gas at the meter, put out naked flames, open windows and immediately call the gas emergency number on **0800 111 999**.
- ✓ To have a chat about gas safety call our free helpline on **0800 408 5500**.

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