

Stay gas safe at home this winter



It's likely we'll be spending a lot more time at home this winter. So, it's important to make sure your gas appliances are working safely. There are three simple steps to remember when it comes to staying gas safe in your home:
Search. Service. Safe.

SEARCH

If you need to search for a gas engineer, or check an engineer is qualified and registered, use the Gas Safe Register – the only list of registered gas engineers who are qualified to work legally on gas appliances.

Visit
gassaferegister.co.uk

Freephone
0800 408 5500

Check your engineer's ID

All Gas Safe registered engineers carry a Gas Safe Register ID card. Always ask to see it before letting them into your home. Check they're qualified to carry out the type of work you've asked for. You'll see their qualifications listed on the reverse of the card.

SERVICE

It's vital to get your gas appliances checked and serviced regularly to keep them working safely. Always use a Gas Safe registered engineer when you need a service, repair or new appliance installed.

SAFE

Keeping an eye on your gas appliances will help you stay safe at home. So as well as only using a Gas Safe Registered engineer, make sure you're aware of the signs of faulty appliances such as unusual noises, fault lights, intermittent heating or hot water.

In addition, look out for the following signs that could indicate your appliances and pipework may be unsafe:

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Lazy yellow flame

Check your gas flame: Has it become yellow, lazy and floppy? A yellow flame may indicate a problem with the appliance.

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Sooting or staining

Dark staining around an appliance may mean that it's not working safely.

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Blocked vents or chimneys

Gas appliances need ventilation. Make sure yours are clear.

Should you detect one of these signs, contact a Gas Safe registered engineer immediately to check your appliances and flues.

There are other simple steps you can take to keep your home gas safe this winter:

Only use appliances for their intended purpose

Never use a cooker or any other gas appliance not intended for heating to warm a room.

Get an audible carbon monoxide alarm

A battery operated or mains powered CO alarm starts at around £20 from DIY shops, supermarkets and energy suppliers – and could save your life.

Recognize the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning

Carbon Monoxide poisoning can cause:

- Headaches
- Nausea
- Dizziness
- Breathlessness
- Collapse
- Loss of consciousness

If you experience these symptoms and suspect CO poisoning get fresh air immediately, open all windows and doors and turn off the gas.

Seek medical advice immediately and if you think there's immediate danger, call the Gas Emergency Helpline on **0800 111 999 (GB)** or the relevant service for your area.

Keep your family, friends & community safe

Share this guide with anyone who needs it.

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