



# Important Safety Information For Gas Users.

*Please read carefully and retain for further reference*

## Network Operator

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# THINK SAFETY - THINK RGI

In your home, safety comes first. If you are having a gas appliance installed, serviced or repaired, always use a Registered Gas Installer (RGI). Only a Registered Gas Installer is permitted to work on gas installations. A Registered Gas Installer is fully insured and trained in gas safety.

## Service Appliances Annually

As a homeowner or a provider of accommodation (e.g. landlords), under the Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006, you are the person responsible for ensuring that the gas appliances and installation pipework in your premises are safely maintained. You should have your boiler and other gas appliances serviced by a Registered Gas Installer once a year. If you are concerned that an appliance is not operating safely, or your appliances are not in good condition, have a safety inspection conducted by a Registered Gas Installer.

## Conformance Certificate

A Registered Gas Installer will provide you with a Declaration of Conformance Certificate confirming that the gas work was carried out in conformance with the correct standards and is safe to use. This is an important document, so keep it in a safe place.



## Find a Registered Gas Installer

Contact Safe Energy Ireland PO Box 13559 Galway  
Email: [gasinfo@rgi.ie](mailto:gasinfo@rgi.ie)  
Contact number: 091 480974 - 1800 205050

## DOING HOME IMPROVEMENTS?

### Home Alterations

It is required by law to always use a Registered Gas Installer for new gas installations, altering, servicing, replacing or decommission existing Installations or installing and replacing appliances.

When having external or internal wall insulation installed or adding and extension, converting a garage, double-glazing or weather-sealing doors, you should always consider the ventilation requirement for your appliances. Particular restrictions apply where a living space is to be used as a bedroom or a bathroom. For professional advice on ventilation and appliances, contact a Registered Gas Installer before embarking on home alterations.



## Changing the use of a room to a bedroom?

Some gas fires and all boilers which are not 'room sealed' must not be located in a bedroom.

If you are considering changing the use of a living room with gas appliances to use as a bedroom, it is important to take account of your gas appliances and seek professional advice from a Registered Gas Installer.

## Think before they dig

Every year underground gas pipes are damaged during small jobs around the home, such as building extensions, new driveways, garden walls or landscaping.

If you are planning to have work done on your property, always be aware of gas pipes that run underground. If you are employing a builder or contractor, make sure to remind them to always dial before they dig by calling billing provider/network operator. Billing provider/network operator will provide the necessary information for working safely in the vicinity of gas pipes. In the interests of your safety, that of your family and of those carrying out the work, it is important to check the location of these underground pipes before beginning any work.

## CARBON MONOXIDE

### What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless and poisonous gas. It can be produced by any appliance which burns any fossil fuel such as oil, coal, gas or wood. If a person is exposed to carbon monoxide over time, it can cause illness, even death. In normal conditions the combustion process will cause the carbon in the fossil fuel to combine with oxygen in the air to produce carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), the same substance we exhale when we breathe. However, if there is a lack of air for the combustion process, or the appliance is faulty, carbon monoxide (CO) can be produced.

### Know the danger signs

Watch out for any of the warning signs that your appliance is not functioning properly:

- Staining, sooting or discolouration around the appliance.
- Condensation on walls/windows.
- A strange smell when the appliance is on.
- A yellow or orange flame where normally blue for a gas appliance.
- Flu-like symptoms such as drowsiness or headaches.

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## Be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning

When carbon monoxide is inhaled into the body, it combines with the blood and prevents it from absorbing oxygen. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headaches, chest pains, sickness, diarrhoea and general lethargy. If anyone in your house has any of these symptoms, get fresh air immediately and then go to your doctor and ask him/her to check for carbon monoxide poisoning. If you suspect an appliance may be faulty, stop using it immediately and arrange for a safety inspection.

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## REMEMBER

- Ensure your appliances are installed and serviced annually by a registered gas installer, Registered Oil Technician or qualified service agent for your fuel type.
- All chimneys and flues should be kept clear. Have your chimney(s) swept regularly.
- It is recommended that Crow Guards are fitted to all chimneys for open fires and all chimneys for gas fires fitted prior to 1996.
- Ensure rooms are properly ventilated and never block vents.
- Use appliances only for the PURPOSE for which they were designed, e.g. do not use a cooker to heat a room. Never close the door of a gas grill whilst the grill is lit.
- Never use barbeques or patio heaters indoors or under cover.
- Appliances where oil burners were replaced with gas burners should be inspected.
- Carbon monoxide can occur in mobile homes, caravans, boats and holiday homes.
- Carbon monoxide can also accumulate through the bulk storage of wood chips, such as those used for wood chip heating systems.

## Carbon monoxide alarms

Use carbon monoxide alarms but remember these are no substitute for regular inspection and maintenance of appliances, vents, flues and chimneys.

### Make sure the alarm:

- Complies with European Standard EN 50291.
- Carries the CE mark and an independent certification mark.
- Has an 'end of life' indicator.

More than one alarm may be required to give full coverage. Alarms should be installed as per manufacturers' instructions. Alternatively get a qualified installer to fit them for you.

## FURTHER SAFETY INFORMATION

For further information on carbon monoxide or to arrange for a safety inspection please checkout [www.carbonmonoxide.ie](http://www.carbonmonoxide.ie)

## Gas cookers and hobs

A flame supervision device is a protective device built into a hotplate, oven or gas burner which shuts off the gas supply when the flame is no longer detected. In this way the device protects against a possible build-up of unburned gas. For example, if the burner flame is extinguished or you forget to light the burner, you will be protected.

All new cookers and hobs sold in Ireland since 2005 require flame failure devices to be fitted on all burners. If your cooker or hob was fitted prior to 2005 it may not have a flame failure device on all burners. Check with your local gas cooker retailer for further advice.

## Flammable items

Do not place flammable or heat-sensitive items, such as aerosol cans, on or near gas appliances. The heat produced by the appliance could cause the items to catch fire or explode.

## Going on holiday?

If you go on holiday, make sure your appliances are turned off. However, in very cold weather, your central heating boiler can be left operating at a low setting in order to prevent water pipes from freezing.

## Have you got a meter box key?

You will require a meter box key to open your meter box door to turn on or off your gas supply. It is important to keep your meter box key in a safe and accessible place.



Meter Key Box

## The gas meter

Make sure you can access your meter in the event of an emergency. Prune any overgrown trees or bushes that may restrict access. Do not store waste materials or wheelie bins close to your gas meter.

## **IF YOU SMELL GAS**

Contact your gas supplier (the network operator) or the emergency service numbers listed. Don't use a phone in the immediate area of the leak, use a neighbour's or call from outside.

### **At home**

- Ensure gas appliances haven't been left on and unlit
- Don't smoke or use a naked flame
- Don't unplug or switch anything electrical on or off
- Open windows and doors to let the gas disperse
- Turn off the gas at the meter

### **On the street**

- If you smell gas on the street, call immediately.  
Don't assume someone else will.



## **24 HOUR GAS EMERGENCY SERVICE**

### **Contact Numbers:**

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**If you can't get through, call 999 or 112.**

In the interests of public safety all emergency calls are recorded.