

# Preventing the risk of gas leaks

## What you should be aware of?

Gas leaks are very serious, on average in the UK unintentional Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning from all fuels has about 40 deaths per year and about 300 injuries ([www.co-gassafety.co.uk](http://www.co-gassafety.co.uk)).

If you are a property owner then it is your responsibility to carry out the checks to ensure safety and if you rent, it is the responsibility of the landlord to ensure the checks are completed and certificates are produced accordingly.

### Preventative Measures & Top Tips

- Ensure your gas appliances are installed by a Gas Safe registered engineer (previously known as Corgi Registered). To find an accredited engineer visit: [www.gassaferegister.co.uk/find-an-engineer](http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/find-an-engineer).
- Appliances should be regularly serviced in accordance with the manufactures guidance.
- Have your boiler and your heating system checked on an annual basis.
- Install a Carbon Monoxide alarm and make sure the batteries are regularly checked.
- Be wary of old, second hand or used appliances.
- Check for signs of wear & tear on appliances.
- Make sure you're aware of where your gas valve is.

### How do you detect a gas leak?

Whilst the most common indication of a leak is the smell of gas in your home, there are also various physical symptoms that can be tell-tale signs of a leak:

- Light-headedness
- Dizziness
- Nausea

If you smell gas, think you have a leak or are worried there are carbon monoxide fumes escaping from an appliance, follow the guidance!

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### What do I do?

- Turn off the gas meter unless located in cellar / basement
- Ventilate - open all doors and windows
- Don't touch any electrical points even to switch off
- Don't light any candles and avoid use of naked flames

### Who do I call?

The Gas emergency Services  
0800 111 999