

## Top 10 Tips to stay safe

Read our top 10 tips to keep you safe and warm in your home.

1. Only use a Gas Safe registered engineer to fit, fix and service your appliances. You can find and check an engineer at GasSafeRegister.co.uk or call 0800 408 5500.



- 2. Check both sides of your engineer's Gas Safe Register ID card. Make sure they are qualified for the work being carried out. You can find this information on the back of the card.
- 3. Have all your gas appliances regularly serviced and safety checked every year. If you rent your home ask for a copy of the landlord's current Gas Safety Record.
- 4. Know the six signs of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning headaches, dizziness, breathlessness, nausea, collapse and loss of consciousness. Unsafe gas appliances can put you at risk of CO poisoning, gas leaks, fires and explosions.
- 5. Check gas appliances for warning signs that they are not working properly e.g. lazy yellow flames instead of crisp blue flames, black marks or stains on or around the appliance and too much condensation in the room.
- 6. Fit an audible carbon monoxide alarm. This will alert you if there is carbon monoxide in your home.
- 7. Keep vents and chimneys clear. Make sure you don't block any vents, as they are vital to ensure gas appliances burn properly, and chimneys need to be cleaned and checked regularly.
- 8. Use gas appliances only for their intended purpose. Don't be tempted to use them for something they weren't meant for (e.g using a gas cooker to heat a room).
- 9. Know the emergency procedure, if you smell gas or suspect immediate danger, make sure you contact the relevant number for your UK region.
- 10. Spread the word. Share vital gas safety information with friends, family and neighbours to make sure your community stays safe.





