

Health & Air Quality at Home

2 – Gas Appliances

All gas appliances should have an [annual safety check, inspection, and service](#). This work must be done by a [Gas Safe registered engineer](#).

Stay Gas Safe

- Have all your gas appliances, including boilers, gas cookers and gas fires checked annually
- Always use a Gas Safe registered engineer. To find a Gas Safe registered engineer in your area call the free helpline on [0800 408 5500](#)
- Always ask to see an engineer's Gas Safe ID card and check the back of the card to make sure they are qualified to carry out the type of gas work you need
- Report anyone working without Gas Safe registration by calling the [Gas Safe Register](#) on the free helpline on [0800 408 5500](#)



Carbon Monoxide

- Recognise the signs of carbon monoxide poisoning – they include headaches, dizziness, nausea, breathlessness, sudden deafness and at high concentrations, collapse, loss of consciousness and even death
- Check gas appliances for signs they are not functioning properly – e.g. lazy yellow flames instead of crisp blue ones, sooty black marks or greasy stains around the appliance and increased condensation on the inside of windows or on external walls
- Install an audible carbon monoxide alarm in your home – make sure it is located near to your gas appliance and is fitted following manufacturer's instructions
- Only use a gas appliances for its intended purpose – don't use a gas oven to heat a room or use an outdoor gas barbeque indoors
- Always ventilate rooms with gas appliances well – Make sure you do not block air vents to either the room or the gas appliance itself and leave trickle vents open or have the window ajar when the appliance is in use

For more information on gas safety visit the [Gas Safe Register](http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk) website at www.gassaferegister.co.uk