



Be Carbon Monoxide (CO) Safe



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Carbon monoxide is an extremely poisonous gas with no smell or taste. It can be caused by incomplete combustion of fuels in gas, oil, solid fuel, and biomass appliances.

New or replacement solid fuel installations should have a permanently fixed Carbon Monoxide alarm fitted by the Installer in the room of the appliance in the correct position.

The alarm must:

- have an audible alert for low battery or faults
- be mains or battery powered
- undergo regular testing and be replaced before its expiry date

Check your CO alarm manufacturer's instructions for further guidance.

Staying Safe

- Never slumber your stove, by reducing the air flow for prolonged periods
- Don't leave the appliance door open unless it is designed to do so
- Have your appliance serviced and chimney swept regularly by a HETAS registrant
- Ensure ventilation is not blocked or obstructed
- Use Ready to Burn fuels. Visit readytoburn.org

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Symptoms to look out for

- headache
- feeling weak or dizzy
- feeling nauseous or being sick
- confusion
- chest and muscle pain
- shortness of breath

Steps to take in Carbon Monoxide emergency

- 1) close the appliance vents,
- 2) open doors and windows for ventilation
- 3) leave the building
- 4) call emergency services
- 5) do not use the installation until you've been told by a HETAS registrant that it is safe to do so



What Next?

Our website has a range of handy postcode searches from local installers to retailers and chimney sweeps. We can also help with finding the right fuels and top tips in our Advice Hubs.



Let Us Know

Be sure to report CO incidents to the emergency services

You can also let us know via:

letusknow@hetas.co.uk or 01684 278170

For more information and a series of CO safety videos visit www.hetas.co.uk