

# I'm Staying

# GAS SAFE!

...And CO Free

## SERVICED

...and not just by anybody!

I found a **registered** gas safety engineer from the **GAS SAFE REGISTER** at [www.gassaferegister.co.uk](http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk) who checked that:

- my appliance is **positioned** in the right place
- **burning correctly** and **not producing carbon monoxide**
- **harmful gases** are **safely removed** from the appliance to the air outside
- **ventilation** routes are clear and work properly
- **safety devices** are **working**
- will make sure that the Local Authority are notified (a legal requirement for some gas work)



## I'VE CHECKED...

For signs that my gas is not working properly. I know that I should call for help if...

- My appliance is burning **with a lazy yellow or orange flame** (a healthy flame is crisp blue)
- I can see **soot** or yellow or brown **staining** around or on appliances
- the **pilot light** keeps **going out**
- there is a lot of **condensation** on the windows



...that I have proper **VENTILATION**

- I **keep flues, chimneys and air vents clear** to allow fumes to get out.
- If I have a gas, coal, wood or peat burning fire, I have the **chimney swept** every year no matter how often or little I use it.
- I **check chimneys and flues** for bird's nests, leaves and other natural debris **to make sure nothing is blocking the exit.**
- If I live in a property with a shared flue or chimney, I will **agree a date** with my neighbour **to get them checked** each year.



**ROSPA**  
The Royal Society for the  
Prevention of Accidents



## Be Gas Safe

Reduce Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

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## I'M AWARE...

Of the SYMPTOMS of CARBON MONOXIDE



HEADACHES



NAUSEA



BREATHLESSNESS



COLLAPSE



DIZZINESS



LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

## and the HEALTH EFFECTS

- Carbon monoxide poisoning occurs when you breathe in **even small amounts of the gas**.
- it gets into your blood stream and **prevents your red blood cells from carrying oxygen**. Without oxygen, your body tissue and cells die.
- Levels that do not kill can cause **serious harm** to health **when breathed in over a long period of time**.
- Long term effects of carbon monoxide poisoning include paralysis and brain damage. Such long term effects occur because many people are unaware of unsafe gas appliances and subsequent gas leaks

Because carbon monoxide has **no taste, smell or colour I'VE GOT BACK UP...**

## ...A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR

, it gives me

- an **audible warning** which will help to ensure I am alerted even when asleep
- Looks similar to a smoke detector and is easy to fit
- Before purchasing a carbon monoxide alarm, I made sure it is officially approved to **EN 50291** and has a **British or European approval mark on it, such as a Kitemark**.

## BUT

- While an alarm will alert me to carbon monoxide in your home, **it is no substitute for using a Gas Safe registered engineer to ensure my appliances are serviced properly**



If I smell gas, the contact number to call the 24 hour emergency gas service for my area is:

- Great Britain and Guernsey: **0800 111 999**
- Isle of Man: **01624 644 444**
- Northern Ireland: **0800 002 001**

[www.carbonmonoxidesafety.org.uk](http://www.carbonmonoxidesafety.org.uk) [www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk](http://www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk) [www.GasSafeCharity.org.uk](http://www.GasSafeCharity.org.uk)