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# Gas Safety Week: Fighting for a Gas Safe Nation

**Helping communities stay gas safe**

We are proud to be supporting Gas Safety Week 2021, taking place 13 - 19 September.

Gas Safety Week is an annual safety week to raise awareness of gas safety and the importance of taking care of your gas appliances. It is coordinated by Gas Safe Register, the official list of gas engineers who are legally allowed to work on gas.

Badly fitted and poorly serviced gas appliances can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. CO is a highly poisonous gas that can kill quickly and without warning, as you cannot see it, taste it or smell it.

By taking care of your gas appliances properly you are taking care of your home and your loved ones. Follow these few simple checks to keep you and your family safe.

* **Check your gas appliances every year.** Gas appliances should be safety checked once a year and serviced regularly by a Gas Safe registered engineer. Tenants – make sure your landlord arranges this. Set a reminder so you don’t forget at [StayGasSafe.co.uk](https://www.staygassafe.co.uk/?utm_source=gsw21toolkit&utm_medium=email%20&utm_campaign=gsw21&utm_content=consumerarticle-toolkit).
* **Look out for your local community.** You may have a friend, relative or neighbour who is unable to arrange their own gas safety check or are unaware of what they need to do to keep safe. Help them stay safe by ensuring that they have their appliances checked and serviced regularly.
* **Check your engineer is Gas Safe registered.** You can find or check an engineer at [GasSafeRegister.co.uk](https://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/?utm_source=gsw21toolkit&utm_medium=email%20&utm_campaign=gsw21&utm_content=consumerarticle-toolkit) or call 0800 408 5500.
* **Check your engineer is qualified for the type of gas work you need doing** e.g. natural gas, domestic boiler. You can find this information on the back of their Gas Safe ID card and on the Gas Safe Register website.
* **Check for warning signs that could indicate your (or others) appliances are not working correctly**. Signs may include lazy yellow /orange flames instead of crisp blue ones, black marks on or around the appliance, a pilot light that keeps going out and too much condensation in the room.
* **Know the six main symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning** – headaches, dizziness, breathlessness, nausea, collapse and loss of consciousness.
* **Install an audible carbon monoxide alarm and make sure your friends and relatives have one too.** Check they are marked EN50291 and display the British Standards’ Kitemark.

For gas safety advice and to find or check an engineer visit the Gas Safe Register website at [**GasSafeRegister.co.uk**](https://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/?utm_source=gsw21toolkit&utm_medium=email%20&utm_campaign=gsw21&utm_content=consumerarticle-toolkit). Alternatively call the free helpline on **0800 408 5500**.