



### Do you know what to do in an Emergency?

*If you smell gas.*

- Shut off the gas supply at the emergency control valve.
- Open all doors and windows to ventilate the room.
- Do not operate electrical equipment.
- Immediately contact: the Northern Ireland Gas Emergency Service on **0800 002 001**
- If you have an LPG (Liquid Petroleum Gas ) Supply contact their emergency number. You must discuss emergency arrangements with your LPG supplier and agree what action to take in the event of a gas escape or emissions of Carbon Monoxide from any LPG appliance.

*In the event of Carbon Monoxide Exposure.*

- Turn off any gas appliances and do not reuse until remedial action has been taken.
- Contact the gas suppliers emergency number as above.
- Visit your GP urgently and tell him/her that you believe your symptoms may be related to carbon monoxide poisoning and request either a blood and/or breath sample, be aware Carbon Monoxide leaves the blood quickly and tests may be inaccurate if taken more than four hours after exposure has ceased.

Note: Early symptoms of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning can mimic many common ailments and may easily be confused with food poisoning, viral infections, flu or simple tiredness. Symptoms to look out for include:

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| • tiredness          | • drowsiness      | • headaches     |
| • giddiness          | • nausea          | • vomiting      |
| • pains in the chest | • breathlessness  | • Stomach Pains |
| • erratic behaviour  | • visual problems |                 |

Detailed health information for Carbon Monoxide is available from the Health Protection Agency's website: [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk) use the search facility on the site to find the latest information available for viewing and downloading.

### Are you Moving or Altering Your Home?

When purchasing a property always ask about any gas appliances and installation to satisfy yourself that they have been suitably installed and regularly serviced by a Gas Safe Register Engineer.

When altering your property check with a registered Engineer or your gas supplier to confirm that any alterations will not have an adverse effect on the operation of your gas appliances by for example reducing ventilation.

### Further Information

Further Information on Gas Safety and carbon monoxide Health and Safety is available from the following sources:

**Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland**  
[www.hseni.gov.uk](http://www.hseni.gov.uk) (select gas from topics)

**Gas Safe Register**  
[www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk](http://www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk)

**Your Local District Council Environmental Health Department and Building Control Department.**

**Your Gas Supplier, contact information can usually be found on your latest gas bill.**

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