

# Carbon monoxide Stay safe with Safety Seymour





# **'WHAT IS CARBON MONOXIDE?'**

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a dangerous gas that you can't:

SEE, HEAR, SMELL, TASTE OR TOUCH

It's difficult to detect.

It's made when fossil fuels such as gas, oil, coal or wood don't burn properly. For example:

- An incorrectly fitted gas appliance
- A poorly maintained gas appliance
- A blocked flue, chimney or vent



## Stay safe in 3 steps:

1 Identify the danger 2 Service your appliances 3 Install a CO alarm

#### What are the signs to look for?

Gas appliances which can cause CO include gas heaters, gas cookers, fires, boilers and water heaters. If you spot any of the signs below, it may mean there is a release of CO.



Cooker - Gas flame looks 'floppy' and burns orange or yellow rather than mostly blue

Boiler - Pilot light looks floppy or often blows out

Fire - There is soot or yellow-brown staining on or around an appliance

Window - You see or smell smoke or have excessive condensation in the room where you have a gas appliance

If you're concerned about any of the above, call the National Gas Emergency Service on 0800 111 999\*

#### What are the symptoms of CO?

Some symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to viral infections. However, if you experience a number of the following symptoms, ask an adult to call a doctor, or dial 999 in an emergency.

**Headaches** 



**Sickness** 



**Breathlessness** 



Collapse



**Dizziness** 



Loss of consciousness



Seymour's top tips for protecting you and your home

- Get gas appliances serviced every year (With a Gas Safe Registered engineer 0800 408 5500)
- Fit an audible carbon monoxide alarm (You can buy one from most local DIY stores)
- Make sure chimneys are swept once a year and air vents are kept clear
- Never take a lit BBQ or fire into a house/tent or enclosed space
- Tell your family and friends all about Seymour and carbon monoxide



For information on Gas Safe registered engineers in your area, please visit www.gassaferegister.co.uk or call 0800 408 5500.

### **Keep this information handy**

You can call our National Emergency Services on 0800 111 999\* if you smell gas or spot the signs of carbon monoxide.

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#### **CO** safety competition

Calling for young people to spread the word about the dangers of carbon monoxide. We're are looking for entries from children aged between 5-11 years in any form of media, such as eye-catching cartoons, videos, models, short stories or poems that are informative and accurate in warning of the dangers of CO poisoning. All winners will receive a prize for themselves and for their school. To find out more information and how to enter visit:

www.cadentgas.com/safety-seymour

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