



What Are The Risks Associated With The Use Of Gas?

The risks associated with Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) can be properly managed if employers make sure they take the appropriate safety measures. The main hazards associated with the use of gas are explosion, fire and carbon monoxide poisoning which may lead to serious injury, ill health and even death.

Ballymoney Borough Council are asking duty holders such as employers and landlords to be 'Wise' about the safety of their gas system This is the key message of 'GAS **Wise**'.

The key points for employers are:

W - work on gas systems should only be undertaken by appropriately registered CORGI installers

I - instruct staff on how to operate equipment correctly and safely

S - service appliances in accordance with manufacturer's instructions

E - ensure adequate ventilation in premises at all times

Duties

Employers and the Self-Employed

Employers and self-employed persons (SEPs) have a statutory duty to ensure that the gas system they use has been installed by a competent person, is being used safely and is properly maintained.

In accordance with the [Gas Safety \(Installation and Use\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2004](#) only appropriately registered CORGI installers are permitted to undertake work on any gas system.

Employers and SEPs must also, by law, take reasonable steps to ensure that the person undertaking such work is an appropriately registered CORGI installer.

The Borough Services Directorate will be writing to workplaces within the Borough to remind employers of their statutory duties if they use gas.

If gas is used at the premises:

- A copy of a current appropriate gas safety certificate for the installation, issued by an appropriately registered CORGI (The Council for Registered Gas Installers) gas installer,
- The name and address of the CORGI gas installer used,

- The CORGI gas installers registration number.

If the Department does not receive the requested information within the timescale indicated, premises will be subject to a visit by a district council health and safety inspector and the gas installation may be subject to either Improvement or Prohibition Notice procedures.

Landlords

As well as employers and SEPs, Landlords have duties under the regulations. In many occasions these apply to domestic situations but may also in certain circumstances apply to the workplace.

Duties of a landlord include:

- Ensuring gas fittings and flues are maintained in a safe condition,
- Ensuring an annual safety check is carried out on each gas appliance/flue,
- Having all installation, maintenance and safety checks carried out by an appropriately registered CORGI installer and keeping a record.

CORGI can be contacted on 028 9024 6782 .

Useful Links

The Council for Registered Gas Installers (CORGI)
www.trustcorgi.com/consumers.htm

Carbon Monoxide Safety Information
www.co-gassafety.co.uk

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association
www.lpga.co.uk/LPGA.htm