

# Gas Safety Advice

## for Housing Executive Tenants

To ensure the safe performance of all heating systems in its properties, the Housing Executive inspects and services all appliances annually. We only use Gas Safe registered contractors for repair or installation of gas appliances.

### Carbon monoxide alarms

While we currently do not install carbon monoxide monitors in our properties, reliable electronic carbon monoxide detectors are now available providing a useful precaution to give advance warning of carbon monoxide in a property. The alarms cost from £15 and can be purchased in most DIY stores. Before purchasing an alarm, always ensure it carries a British or European approval mark, such as a Kitemark. The alarms should be installed and maintained in line with the manufacturer's instructions.

### Safety precautions

There are some easy ways to help avoid the build up of carbon monoxide:

- never block ventilation;
- ensure that flues are kept clear at all times.

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

- Staining, soot or discolouration around a gas fire or around the top of a water heater or central heating boiler.
- A yellow or orange flame in a gas appliance.
- Onset of symptoms such as tiredness, headache, nausea, giddiness, pains in the chest and stomach (these can often be mistaken for symptoms of a cold or influenza).

### What should I do if I suspect an appliance is unsafe?

Turn the appliance off and do not touch it until it has been checked by a Gas Safe Registered engineer. Contact the

**Housing Executive**  
**03448 920 901**

If you suspect there is a gas leak you should immediately do the following:

- Call the **NI Gas Emergency** number on **0800 002 001**
- Open all the doors and windows
- Shut off the gas supply at the meter control valve (if you know where it is)