

# What is Carbon Monoxide (CO)?



- Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas, which has no taste, colour, or smell.
- It can make you seriously ill and can kill without warning
- Appliances like boilers, gas stoves and ovens can pose a risk to your home because they burn fuel improperly, which produces carbon monoxide.

## Symptoms of CO poisoning



Headaches | Nausea | Dizziness



Collapse | Unconsciousness | Breathlessness

## CO Alarms

As Carbon Monoxide is **invisible**, it's hard to detect.



Your home will be fitted with a **Carbon Monoxide Alarm**



It's important that you don't cover your alarm.

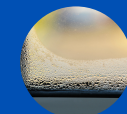


It needs to be clear so that it can detect if carbon monoxide is present in the air.

This helps our Gas Team to take measures to prevent a potential leakage

## Signs of a CO Leak?

- floppy yellow or orange flame on your gas hob, rather than a crisp blue flame
- dark, sooty staining on or around your gas appliances
- increased condensation on windows
- the boiler pilot light keeps going out



## Follow these steps to stay Gas Safe

Check gas appliances for warning signs that they are not working properly and notify Taff immediately



Lazy yellow flames instead of crisp blue ones.  
Black marks/stains on/around the appliance

Keep vents and chimneys clear.

Make sure you don't block any vents. They are vital to ensure gas appliances burn properly.



Use gas appliances only for their intended purpose.

Don't use them for something they weren't meant for (e.g. using a gas cooker to heat a room).



## Contacting Taff

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- Contact Taff if you are concerned about your gas appliances or need an engineer to fit, fix and service
- Taff's maintenance team are Gas Safe registered and keep note of all your appliances.
- You can also ask for a copy of your property's Gas Safety Record.