

Home-Start Southwark in partnership with SGN Carbon Monoxide Monitoring information and videos

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BSL signposted and subtitled:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgKxkC80ifM>



Hindi video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyHgCklYw1E>



If you need guidance please contact your Home-Start coordinator or volunteer, who can help.

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Bangla video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2bnuTgu6o8>



Where should CO2 alarms be stored in the home?

- Always fit a CO alarm which has the British Standard EN 50291 code and a British Standards Kite Mark
- Always fit a detector that has an alarm that can be heard and would wake you up if you were asleep
- Ideally fit an alarm in every room where there is a potential source of CO
- Ideally, fit high up in the room – 15 – 30cms from the ceiling or a light fitting
- Ideally, fit it 103m from the cooking/heating appliance
- In a bedroom, fit or place the alarm at bed or breathing level
- If you have sensory needs, there are specialist alarms available, and we can help you look for one
- Its better to have one alarm than none and, if easier, place it on a shelf or on top of a cupboard so it can be moved around the house
- Avoid fitting alarms where there are draughts or in damp or enclosed areas
- Even if a home is all electric, remember CO can be present in a neighbour's home and get into the home through a blocked flue/vent etc

Both the battery and the CO sensor in an alarm will wear out. No alarm should be more than 10 years old

Responsibilities of landlords in England:

All rented properties (private or social) and new builds with a fixed combustion appliance other than a gas cooker, must fit a working CO alarm. All alarms must be checked under any new tenancy and be maintained by the landlord. This does not affect people who own their own homes.

Responsibilities of homeowners in England:

For Homeowners there is currently no legal duty for them to check their gas appliances and boilers and or install a CO2 alarm

Good practice suggests that an annual check by a Gas Safe engineer and fitting a CO alarm in every room with a gas appliance is best.

Gas Safety Check for eligible homeowning clients:

Energy suppliers provide free gas safety checks (e.g. for appliances such as a gas boiler) for homeowners. These are available every 12 months. You are eligible for this service if you:

- Get a means tested benefit and live with a child under 5
- Live alone and are of pensionable age, disabled or chronically sick
- Live with others who are of pensionable age, disabled, chronically sick or under 18 and you are also of pensionable age/disabled or chronically sick

Contact your supplier to request your free gas safety check if you're eligible and haven't had a check in the last 12 months.