

# PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING



*Known as the 'Silent Killer', carbon monoxide is a highly poisonous gas that is produced when gas appliances are not working properly and it is responsible for the deaths of around 30 people each year - hundreds more people become seriously injured.*

You cannot see it, taste it or smell it and those suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning often have flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, dizziness and drowsiness.

You can protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning by ensuring you employ a CORGI registered installer to safety check and service your appliances each year. A good second line of defence is to install an audible carbon monoxide alarm. These alarms cost around £20-£30 pounds - a small

price to pay if it saves a life - and can be bought from your CORGI installer and most good DIY stores. CORGI recommends that you do not use a 'black spot' detector that changes colour if carbon monoxide is present. These detectors do not have an audible alarm and will not alert you if you are out of the room, asleep or overcome by carbon monoxide fumes. Carbon monoxide alarms however, are no substitute for having safe gas appliances and should only be used as a second line of defence.

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