

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning: Emergency Response Guide (TASK)



Carbon monoxide (co) gas has no taste, no colour and no smell – it is sometimes known as the silent killer. According to the Department of Health, 50 people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning and another 4,000 are treated in hospital.

Any type of natural fuel source (fossil fuel) or fossil fuel burning appliance can create carbon monoxide gas.

- 1. Fit an audible Carbon Monoxide Alarm.**
- 2. Make yourself familiar with the signs & symptoms of co poisoning.**
- 3. Keep your home/other spaces ventilated when burning fossil fuels.**

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www.gassaferegister.co.uk/
Gas Safe Register (gas)

www.co-bealarmed.co.uk/
Carbon Monoxide Awareness

www.niacs.co.uk
NI Association of Chimney Sweeps

www.oftec.org
Oil Firing Technical Association(oil)

www.coaladvisoryservice.com
Coal Advisory Service (solid fuel)



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