

YOUR NGN NEWS UPDATE

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Northern Gas Networks backs awareness campaign dedicated to raising awareness of changes to carbon monoxide alarm laws



This year, the laws are changing for smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in the UK, and we are backing a new campaign to raise awareness of the changes.

In England, from October 1^{st,} 2022, rented properties or new builds with flues and fixed combustion appliances other than cookers, will be required to have carbon monoxide alarms fitted.

Carbon monoxide alarms are also required when a fixed combustion appliance (excluding gas cookers) is first installed in any home. Both private and social sector landlords will have

a duty to repair or replace alarms, once informed that they are faulty.

To help raise awareness of the new rules, we launched the 'Carbon Monoxide Alarms Save Lives' campaign in partnership with the All-Party Parliamentary Carbon Monoxide Group and our fellow GDNs, which launched on 11th July and will run until 28th August.

The All-Party Parliamentary Carbon Monoxide Group have been formally calling for carbon monoxide alarms to be required in more homes since 2017.

The group's chair, MP for Huddersfield Barry Sheerman says:

"By making carbon monoxide alarms a legal requirement, governments are sending a strong message – carbon monoxide is seriously harmful. If you don't have an alarm, you need to get one for your home as soon as possible.

"Carbon monoxide poisoning can kill. It can cause harm to our vital organs and is particularly dangerous for pregnant women and children. Please join our campaign to spread the word about carbon monoxide alarms this summer – and make sure your home is protected."

Steve Dacre, Vulnerability Innovations Lead for Northern Gas Networks said: "This campaign is so important in terms of protecting families across our network and helping keep our communities safe.

We're delighted to support it this summer and spread the message far and wide that CO alarms save lives."

You can join in too – click <u>HERE</u> to download the digital asset pack for the campaign for free.

Support the campaign

A Redcar Hydrogen Community
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We're currently working on the detailed design of our bid, to host the UK's first hydrogen village on our network. Our proposal would see 2,000 properties in some areas of Redcar including Coatham, Warrenby and parts of Kirkleatham converted from natural gas, to hydrogen in 2025.

We've teamed up with British Gas, and every property within the Redcar Hydrogen Community with a gas supply, has been offered a survey completed by a British Gas Engineer. The survey will enable us to understand the appliances that are already installed and includes a free gas safety check for every home and business visited. The information we're gathering will be included in our detailed submission to BEIS and Ofgem in support of funding being awarded to Redcar. Later in the year we'll contact all property owners to ask for their views on our proposal and indicate whether they'd be happy to switch to hydrogen if the project goes ahead.

In addition to customer surveys, we're also progressing the strategy for hydrogen production and storage during the project and speaking to a number of hydrogen producers. It's our aim that the hydrogen we use will be generated from renewable sources which know as green hydrogen. This means that the production of the hydrogen will be carbon-free.

Find out more

In other news:

Celebrating 1 year of our Hydrogen Homes



On the 15th of this month, we celebrated one year since our Hydrogen Home, built in partnership with Cadent Gas Limited and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) was officially opened and during this time we have welcomed more than 1660 visitors!

If you would like to take a look for yourself, please email hydrogenhome@northerngas.co.uk to book your visit.

We've received lots of birthday messages! Take a look at our video below.

Watch our 1st birthday video

Get Involved!

Invitation to attend Northern Gas Networks' online stakeholder conference: 8 September 2022

We would love for you to participate in our upcoming online stakeholder conference. The theme for this year's conference will be: 'How we can deliver more regionally' and the purpose of the event will be to seek feedback from key stakeholders such as yourself on a range of topics to meaningfully shape our business activities in the coming years.

The conference will comprise a series of conversations with senior personnel at Northern Gas Networks along with industry experts and representatives of our Customer Engagement Group, followed by interactive discussion sessions where your feedback will help to inform our strategic direction and future areas of focus.

We do hope you are able to attend! Please email stakeholder@northerngas.co.uk for more information. You can register by clicking on the button below:

Register here

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