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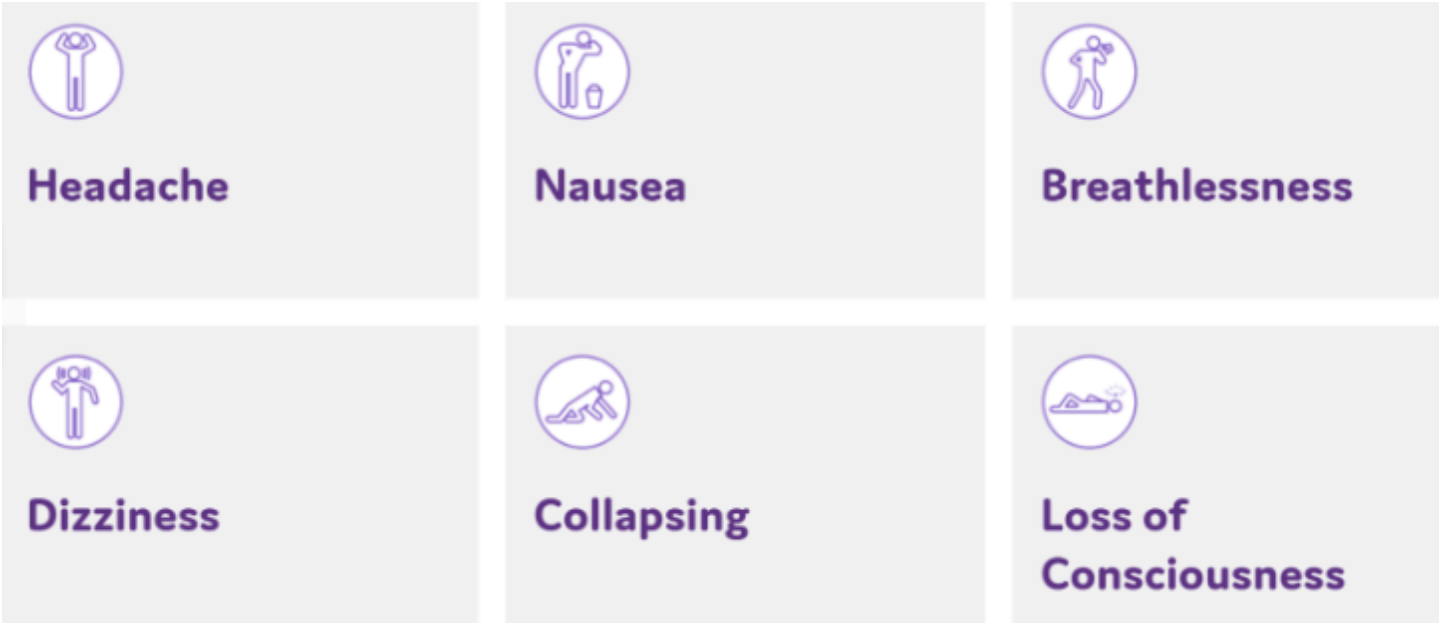
Know the Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning



Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas produced by the incomplete burning of carbon fuels including solid fuels and liquid petroleum gas. It is odourless, colourless, tasteless, and can be deadly, even in summer.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) can leak from incorrectly fitted, badly repaired or poorly maintained gas appliances as well as chimneys and blocked vents. Inhaling CO prevents oxygen from being carried around your body, even if it's just a small amount.

According to the NHS, every year there are around 40 deaths from accidental CO poisoning in England and Wales. In addition, around 4,000 people a year are admitted to A&E in England and Wales after experiencing CO poisoning symptoms such as:

- Headache

- Nausea

- Breathlessness

- Dizziness

- Collapse

- Loss of consciousness

It's easy to mistake these symptoms for flu, food poisoning or even a hangover.

Every home should have an alarm that alerts you to the presence of Carbon Monoxide (CO). Pick one up from your local DIY store, supermarket or online. Your energy supplier may also be able to provide you with one. If you have a gas boiler, you should have it checked by a registered Gas Safe engineer annually.

For more information and to find an engineer near you, visit gassaferegister.co.uk or call 0800 408 5500.

Find out more

Other News

Supporting Women into Work at Smart Works Leeds



At Northern Gas Networks, building a skilled and diverse workforce starts long before someone submits an application. That's why we were proud to have attended the **Smart Works Leeds Women into Work Jobs Fair**, held on **30 April 2026** at **Leeds Beckett Student Union**.

This is part of our wider commitment in supporting our local community in the North of England. These events aren't always about filling vacancies on the day. They provide an opportunity to share who Northern Gas Networks is, showcase our values, and offer guidance to people exploring new career paths. In particular, we're highlighting career opportunities for everyone in a traditionally male-dominated sector.

This year, alongside a larger generalist fair planned for later in the year, we attended a **women-only event hosted by Smart Works Leeds.** With more than **225 women attending their previous fair**, the event demonstrated the real impact community-focused initiatives can have in helping women build confidence and access opportunity.

While the event had a strong focus on supporting women in the workplace, we actively encouraged **applications from people of all genders**, reflecting our commitment to an inclusive workplace where everyone can thrive.

Find out more

Northern Gas Networks launches accredited work experience programme



Choosing a future career can feel daunting, especially if you're not sure what opportunities are out there or how to take your first step into the world of work.

That is why **Northern Gas Networks** **(NGN)** has launched an exciting, **fully accredited** **work experience programme**, designed to help young people in **West Yorkshire** build real skills, confidence and experience for what comes next.

Taking place at NGN's head office at Thorpe Park in Leeds, this one-week programme offers much more than traditional work experience. Co-designed by young people, it focuses on hands-on projects, teamwork, and real-world problem-solving, giving students genuine insight into **careers in STEM** and beyond.

This programme isn't about shadowing or watching from the sidelines. Starting on **Monday 27 July**, participants will spend a week immersed in the working life of a major UK energy company. Students will be contributing ideas, solving challenges, and working together as a team.

The programme has been co-created by members of **NGN's Young Innovators Council**, ensuring it reflects what young people want and need from work experience today.

It's built around one clear idea: **design thinking, real careers, and real impact.**

This **Northern Gas Networks work experience programme** is fully accredited by **Industrial Cadets**, managed by the **Engineering Development Trust (EDT)**, and aligned to the **Gatsby Benchmarks** for high-quality careers guidance.

We are keen to reach young people who may not otherwise have access to professional networks or traditional work experience opportunities. Applications are open to anyone with curiosity, enthusiasm, and potential.

Find out more

Get Involved

NGN wins Impact Company of the Year at the Better Society Awards!

We're proud to share that **Northern Gas Networks has won Impact Company of the Year at the Better Society Awards**, recognising the incredible impact of our **Young Innovators Council (YIC)**.

The award celebrates organisations that create meaningful, long-lasting impact as part of everyday business – and the judges were impressed by how the YIC is fully embedded into the way we listen, learn and make decisions at NGN.

Launched in 2021 with our partners **Solutions for the Planet**, the Young Innovators Council brings together young people aged 14–19 from across the North of England, ensuring the voices of future customers and colleagues help shape our policies, culture and long-term plans. The group meets regularly and feeds directly into real business discussions – including decisions at board level.

Jenny Wilkinson, our Stakeholder Engagement and Research Lead, said:

"Winning Impact Company of the Year is a proud moment for Northern Gas Networks, but more importantly it's recognition of the incredible young people who make up our Young Innovators Council.

"The council isn't a consultation exercise – it's a genuine partnership. Our young innovators shape decisions that influence our business, our culture and our future, while gaining real-world skills and confidence along the way. Listening to them has challenged us to be braver, more ambitious and more inclusive, and the impact is felt right across our organisation and the communities we serve.

"This award shows what's possible when you truly listen to future generations and build their insight into the heart of your business."

So far, **132 young people from 74 schools** have been involved in the YIC, helping to shape our £1.8bn five-year business plan, influence our sustainability and net zero ambitions, and co-create a schools engagement programme that has reached more than **45,000 young people**.

Built around employability and skills development, the programme has supported young people into STEM qualifications, apprenticeships and careers – including roles here at NGN – while generating **£5.03 of social value for every £1 invested**.

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