



CARDO Group – Gas Safety Week 2025 Toolbox Talk

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Introduction

This toolbox talk is to promote Gas Safety Week, an initiative from Gas Safe that occurs every year.

Gas Safety Week this year is between Monday 8th until Sunday 14th September 2025.

To promote this, we have provided this Toolbox Talk and a poster to raise awareness across our operational teams, our clients and their residents.



Why do we have Gas Safety Week?

Gas Safety week is a national awareness campaign designed to;

- **Protect the public** by reminding them of the dangers of unsafe gas appliances.
- **Encourage annual servicing** of boilers, cookers and fires by a **Gas Safe registered engineer**.
- **Promote awareness of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning**, which can be fatal and is often referred to as the “silent killer”.
- **Highlight warning signs** of unsafe appliances (lazy yellow flames, black marks, condensation)
- **Promote the National Gas Emergency Service Number (0800 111 999)** so people know what to do if they smell gas.



Why is Gas Safety Awareness Week Needed?

Gas Safety week is a national awareness campaign designed to;

- Each year, people are **injured or killed by gas leaks, fire, explosions, and CO poisoning.**
- Research shows many households **don't service their appliances regularly.**
- Vulnerable groups such as the elderly, low-income, people that rent properties are at **higher risk** of unsafe conditions.



What are the benefits?

The benefits are huge, remember the saying “Knowledge is Power”

- Raises awareness equates to < fewer incidents, fewer CO poisonings
- Promotes trust in **Gas Safe Registered Engineers**
- Gives organisations (like housing providers, contractors, local authorities) **a platform to engage with residents on safety**
- Strengthens compliance culture around the **GSIUR regulations, the Building Safety Act and Health & Safety Law.**

Essentially Gas Safety Week Campaigns are intended to SAVE LIVES, reduce accidents, and make sure the public understands the importance of using qualified engineers and maintaining their gas appliances.

Some Hard Stats

This slide further outlines and reinforces why such campaigns are so important:

Carbon Monoxide (CO) – Fatalities & Injuries

- Since 1995, there have been 717 confirmed unintentional CO deaths due to combustion appliances in the UK, according to CO-Gas Safety data.
- According to the **Office for National Statistics (ONS)**, it estimates that around **30 people die annually** from CO poisoning in the UK.

Workplace & Public Gas-Related Incidents (Under RIDDOR)

- Under RIDDOR, registered gas engineers and responsible persons must report incidents involving:
 - CO poisoning resulting in death, loss of consciousness, or hospital admission.
 - Dangerous appliances and fittings
 - Leakage or near-fatal incidents



Some Hard Stats (cont'd)

Trends (2015-2020) – Explosions, Poisoning & Dangerous Fittings

(Based on CE Safety's analysis):

Incident Type:	2015-16	2019-20
CO poisoning incidents	146 (225 non-fatal injuries, 7 fatalities)	96 incidents, 151 injuries, no fatalities
Gas Explosions	26 incidents (29 injuries)	41 incidents (35 injuries), 8 fatalities
Dangerous gas fittings	-	3,283 reported; since 2015-16, a total of 7,875 in non-rented properties and 6,216 in rented properties

Some Hard Stats (cont'd)

Summary Overview:

- ❑ **CO Poisoning:** A significant risk historically, but fatalities appear to have declined in recent years with better appliance standards and awareness.
- ❑ **Explosions:** A notable spike in 2019-20 with several fatalities (8) and increased injuries (35).
- ❑ **Dangerous Fittings:** A high volume of unsafe gas fittings identified and remains a significant hazard, often linked to poor maintenance or tampering with appliances, highlighting the importance of regular inspections and compliance by qualified, competent persons registered with Gas Safe. 2019-20: 3,283 dangerous fittings reported. Dangerous fittings increase the risk of leaks, fires and explosions.

What this means to us at CARDO Group and our subsidiary businesses:

- ✓ **Maintain High Standards**
- ✓ **Training Focus**
- ✓ **Reporting & Recording**
- ✓ **Resident Awareness**



What this Means for Safety

- ✓ Regular servicing of gas appliances saves lives
- ✓ Use only Gas Safe Registered engineers for all gas work
- ✓ Report gas leaks or concerns immediately
- ✓ Raise awareness of CO alarms and ensure they are fitted correctly and tested regularly
- ✓ ALL Contractors **MUST** comply with RIDDOR by reporting dangerous occurrences



We must do our bit to raise Awareness

We can all play our part in continuously raising awareness of Gas Safety, not just through Gas Safety Awareness week, but throughout the year, every year!

Engaging with residents and clients is crucial for raising awareness and this can be done through various ways such as:

- ✓ Verbal discussions when at resident's homes
- ✓ Social media platforms
- ✓ Information and publication on websites
- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Coffee mornings
- ✓ Displaying of posters and leaflets to communal areas



Who to contact & what to do in an Emergency

In a Gas Emergency, contact can be made with;



Calling the National Gas Emergency Service immediately on 0800 111 999 (available 24/7/365).



Turn off the gas supply at the Emergency Control Valve if safe to do so



Open windows and doors to the property



Leave the property and wait for assistance



Any Questions?