

## The Silent Killer

Carbon monoxide fumes are particularly dangerous because they can't be detected. You cannot see, smell or taste the fumes which can kill without warning in a matter of hours.

CO poisoning can mimic many common illnesses such as flu or even simple tiredness. The key symptoms to look out for are drowsiness, headaches, breathlessness and vomiting.

Carbon monoxide is produced when there isn't enough air for the complete burning of carbon fuels such as gas, oil and coal which causes an excess of poisonous fumes; signs that an appliance may be leaking excess carbon monoxide include:

- Yellow or orange flames
- Soot or stains around the appliance
- A pilot light that frequently goes out.

Remember, it is the responsibility of every landlord to have gas appliances maintained by a CORGI registered gas inspector and to obtain an annual certificate of maintenance. It is also essential for flues and ventilation systems to be installed by CORGI registered competent persons.

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