

Press Release
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Hackney Council and Hackney Homes say take care, be Gas Safe

As Gas Safety Week approaches, Hackney Council and Hackney Homes are urging residents to be Gas Safe.

Gas Safety Week - which takes place between 12 and 18 September - is run by Gas Safe Register, the only official register of gas engineers who are legally allowed to work on your gas appliances.

The aim of the week is to increase knowledge of gas safety and to highlight the importance of taking care of your gas appliances as, if badly fitted or poorly serviced, they can cause fires; leaks; explosions; and carbon monoxide poisoning.

To help raise local awareness, between 12 and 18 September residents will be able to pick up useful information on gas safety from Hackney Service Centre, Hillman Street, E8. Hackney Homes will also be giving out free information at their Neighbourhood Offices.

“Hackney Homes’ Head of Building Maintenance, Jim Paterson says “We take the safety of our residents very seriously and support gas safety awareness week, encouraging residents to be aware of the importance of regular service checks. Hackney Homes is one of a handful of authorities installing CO detectors in our properties and we have installed around 20,000 to date.”

If you are unable to visit the Service Centre or your Neighbourhood Office, click on www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk or call the free Gas Safety helpline on 0800 408 5500.

For more information about the annual gas safety check carried out by Hackney Homes, contact the Repairs Centre on 0208 356 3691.

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Notes to editors

Gas Safe Register is the only official list of gas engineers who are legally allowed to work on gas boilers, gas cookers and gas fires. By law, all gas engineers must be on the Gas Safe Register.

If you rent your home your landlord must keep gas appliances supplied for you to use in good condition. They should arrange a gas safety check every 12 months and give you a record of the check.

By taking care of your gas appliances properly you are taking care of your home and your loved ones. Follow these top tips to help keep you and your family gas safe:

- make sure only a Gas Safe registered engineer works on your gas appliances
- make sure gas appliances have a regular service and an annual gas safety check
- always check the engineer's Gas Safe Register ID card