

Press Release
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HACKNEY HOMES DISCONNECTS 50 FAULTY GAS COOKERS

Hackney Homes disconnected 50 faulty gas cookers last year in a blitz to rid the borough's council housing of dangerous appliances.

Latest statistics released by the London Fire Brigade show that the main cause of fire in the borough is by people leaving their cooking unattended. So "Stay gas safe" is the message being relayed to tenants and leaseholders from Hackney Homes.

And tenants and leaseholders are being urged to ensure that their gas cooker is fitted properly and is safe to use as failure to do so can be dangerous.

New gas appliances need to be fitted properly and fitted by a Gas Safe Registered Engineer and can be found on <http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/>.

It is illegal to use a gas appliance if you suspect that it is unsafe. The best thing to do if you suspect that it isn't working properly is to turn it off and don't touch it unless it has been checked by a gas safe engineer.

However, if you suspect that there is a gas leak you should open all the windows and doors and call the National Grid's Gas emergency number on 0800 111 999.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) can build up if your gas appliance is faulty and Hackney Homes is installing CO monitors whenever we carry out annual gas safety checks in council homes.

If you have any questions about the annual gas safety check carried out by Hackney Homes contact the Repairs Centre on 0208 356 3691.

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Press queries to Chloe Goddard on 020 8356 3877, or email chloe.goddard@hackneyhomes.org.uk

Notes to Editors

- Hackney Homes is an arms-length management organisation managing around 30,000 council properties in the borough of Hackney.