

Two thirds of illegal gas jobs in the UK found to be unsafe

Data from the investigation's team at Gas Safe Register has identified the **top ten UK cities** with unsafe gas appliances, due to **illegal gas work**.

Gas Safe Register - the official list of engineers legally qualified to work on gas - is highlighting the dangers of using an unregistered gas engineer as having unsafe gas appliances can result in:

- Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning
- Gas leaks
- Fires
- Explosions



Last year, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), the national independent watchdog responsible for the prosecutions of unregistered gas engineers, issued more than £800,000 in fines and prosecutions have resulted in a combined five years of jail time.

Top 10 unsafe cities in the UK

Percentage of illegal gas jobs found to be unsafe

London (Central)	75%
Nottingham	72%
Sheffield	71%
London (Outer)	70%
Manchester	69%
Ipswich	67%
Cardiff	66%
Norwich	66%
Edinburgh	62%
Birmingham	62%

Remember to check:

- ✓ The engineer is who they say they are
- ✓ The engineer is qualified to carry out the gas job you've employed them to do (you will find this on the back of the card)
- ✓ Their qualifications are up-to-date





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Registration No. 123456
Valid from 27/02/18
Expires 26/02/19

Licence No. **3456789**



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To confirm the validity of this card please contact Gas Safe Register on:
0800 408 5500
or online at:
www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk
If this card is found please return to Gas Safe Register, PO Box 6804, Basingstoke, RG24 4NB




Domestic	Gas	LPG	Non-Domestic	Gas	LPG
Pipework	26/02/19	26/02/19			
Cooker	26/02/19	26/02/19			
Fire	26/02/19	26/02/19			
Water Heater	26/02/19	26/02/19			
Gas Boiler	26/02/19	26/02/19			
Comb Analysis	26/02/19	26/02/19			

The cardholder is deemed competent only in the categories of work identified by a date.

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To avoid illegal gas work:

- ✓ Only employ a gas engineer if they are Gas Safe registered and qualified for the work you need doing. You can find a registered engineer in your area by visiting www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk or by calling on **0800 408 5500**.
- ✓ 'Don't cut corners' and always ask to see your engineer's Gas Safe ID card. Make sure you check the back of the card, which will state which gas appliances they are qualified to work on.
- ✓ If you suspect that someone is an illegal fitter or are worried about gas work carried out in your home, please contact Gas Safe Register.

Spot the warning signs of unsafe gas appliances:

1. Lazy yellow or orange colour flames on your gas appliance, instead of a crisp blue flame (except for fuel-effect fires that display this colour flame)
2. Dark staining/sooting on or around your appliances
3. Pilot lights that frequently blow out
4. Increased condensation inside windows



To keep you and your family safe:

- 🔥 Never attempt to work on a gas appliance yourself, always seek the help of a qualified Gas Safe registered engineer who can work on your gas cooker, boiler or fire in a safe way.
- 🔥 If you smell gas or think there might be a gas leak, call the free 24-hour national gas emergency number immediately on **0800 111 999**.
- 🔥 Know the symptoms of CO poisoning; headaches, nausea, breathlessness, collapse, dizziness and loss of consciousness.



Don't cut corners with gas. To find out how safe your area is visit www.StayGasSafe.co.uk. On social media, search [@GasSafeRegister](https://twitter.com/GasSafeRegister) and [#DontCutCorners](https://twitter.com/DontCutCorners).

