

Gas Safety in Homes

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This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the current standard of gas safety in homes in the United Kingdom.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, [Review of the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm \(England\) Regulations 2015: Government Response](#), 20 July 2018

Government response to a consultation reviewing the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015, which requires private-rental sector landlords to install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in their properties.

- All-Party Parliamentary Group on Carbon Monoxide, [Carbon Monoxide Alarms: Tenants Safe and Secure in their Homes](#), 23 October 2017

Report examining legislation on the installation of carbon monoxide alarms, statistics on the number of deaths from carbon monoxide exposure in the United Kingdom and recommendations to reduce the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning in low-income households.

- Health and Safety Executive, [Cross-Government Group on Gas Safety and Carbon Monoxide \(CO\) Awareness: Annual Report 2016/17](#), December 2017

Annual report providing a summary of the work carried out by members of the Cross-Government Group in 2016/17, including: consumer awareness; research; supporting professionals; and legislation and securing justice.

- Public Health England, [Carbon Monoxide: General Information](#), 17 October 2016

Guidance detailing the impact that carbon monoxide exposure can have on a person's health.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- House of Commons, '[Written Statement: Carbon Monoxide Detection and Safety](#)', 30 April 2018, HCWS657
- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [HL8175](#) (5 June 2018); [132561](#) (21 March 2018); [128427](#) (27 February 2018); [118942](#) (21 December 2017); [109734](#) (1 November 2017); [4272](#) (19 July 2017)

Press Articles and Comment

- Gas Safe Register, '[One Third of Brits Don't Recognise the Signs of an Unsafe Appliance](#)', 3 September 2018
- Eddie Hughes MP, '[Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Kills—But It's An Avoidable Tragedy](#)', PoliticsHome, 11 June 2018
- Residential Landlords Association, '[Review Launched into Carbon Monoxide Alarms in England](#)', 1 May 2018

Further Information

- Health and Safety Executive, [Gas Safety \(Installation and Use\) Regulations 1998 \(GSIUR\) as Amended: Approved Code of Practice and Guidance](#), April 2018
- House of Commons Library, [Housing Fitness in the Private Rented Sector](#), 24 May 2016, p 9

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