

Gas Safety Factsheet: Finding a Gas Safe Engineer

## The Law

Only engineers who are registered on the Gas Safe Register can work on gas systems and appliances. This includes maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, moving and purging etc.

# How can I find a Gas Safe Engineer?

Go to the Gas Safe website <u>www.gassaferegister.co.uk</u> and enter your post code in the box on the top right hand side of the page, in the box labelled "Find and check"

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Remember to select 'commercial' underneath the postcode. This will produce a list of registered gas businesses in your area. You will then need to search the registered businesses, to find one that is competent to work in your premises.

For example, some businesses can only work on domestic gas appliances, some can work in commercial premises and some can work in both. If you have LPG, you will need a company/engineer who can work on LPG.

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Commercial Catering Fat & Pressure Fryers NG	*		
Commercial Catering Range Cookers NG	~		
Gas installation pipework	~	×	×
First Fix Commercial Pipework NG	~		
Non-domestic air heating equipment	~	×	×
Indirect Fired Heating Appliances NG	~		
Non-domestic hot water boilers	~	×	×
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Pipework testing and purging	<b>~</b>	×	×
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Once you have selected a company you need to arrange for them to inspect your Gas Installation (Pipework) and your Gas Appliances (Boilers, Cookers, Fryers, Ovens etc) **See Gas Safety Factsheet: Annual Gas Inspections.** 

## **Checking the Engineer**

Every gas engineer carries a Gas Safe Register ID card with their own unique licence number, showing the type of gas work they are qualified to do. Before any gas work is carried out, always make sure you ask to see their Gas Safe Register ID card.



Gas engineers have a range of qualifications that allow them to carry out specific types of gas work. It's important to check what work they are qualified to do before you use them. You can find this information on the back of your gas engineer's Gas Safe Register ID card.

### Check the front of the card for:

- The photo
- The start date and expiry date
- The licence number
- The security hologram

### Check the back of the card to make sure:

- Your engineer is qualified to do the gas work you want done e.g. cooker, boiler, gas fire, LPG etc
- Their qualifications are up to date

You can also check that your engineer is gas safe registered by calling Gas Safe Register on **0800 408 5500**, texting **Gas** then the engineer licence number to **85080**.

You can also make sure that your gas engineer is qualified to work on your appliance by going to <u>www.gassaferegister.co.uk</u> and clicking on the link "Check an engineer" the same way you would search for a gas business. Here you can enter the Gas Engineers Licence Card Number.

Once you have entered the gas engineers licence card number you should see a screen which contains the picture of the gas engineer and a list of works the Engineer is qualified to do.

# What should I do if I suspect the engineer isn't qualified?

If you suspect a gas fitter is illegal you can call gas safe register on 0800 408 5500 and report them or go to <u>www.gassaferegister.co.uk</u> and follow the links to the illegal gas fitter service.

To help gas safe investigate, you will need to give them as many details about the illegal gas worker as you can;

- the illegal gas worker's name
- the company name
- a description of your encounter with the illegal gas worker

If they haven't started work, don't let them begin and explain why you are refusing to let them work: Sometimes the website isn't updated quickly, so phone the gas safe register to check!

**REMEMBER:** If you allow an unqualified person to work on your gas installation or gas appliances, you too will commit an offence and a Health and Safety Inspector may choose to prosecute you.

