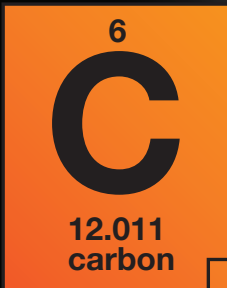




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the **MORAY** council



Reduce your risk of
**Carbon
Monoxide
Poisoning**
in your home

**no smell
no colour
no taste**

What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon Monoxide is a highly poisonous gas that has no smell, colour or taste. It can be released to dangerous levels by any appliance or heating system that burns oil, gas or solid fuel if they are not properly installed, maintained or where adequate ventilation has not been provided.

These appliances include:

- Wood or multi-fuel burning stoves
- Gas cookers
- Central heating boilers
- Oil/Solid fuel cookers
- Open fires
- Flues

Carbon Monoxide Detector

All Moray Council properties which have gas, oil or solid fuel appliances are fitted with Carbon Monoxide detectors. The one in your home will look like this, or similar to this.



What does my Carbon Monoxide detector do?

Your Carbon Monoxide detector is designed to detect a build up of carbon monoxide in your home. It does not detect heat or flames.

The detector continuously monitors air in your home. When it senses a build up of carbon monoxide, it sounds its built in alarm. Your Carbon Monoxide detector can provide time for you and members of your family to get out of your home before the effects of the gas can have any lasting effects.

Your Carbon Monoxide detector can save your life.

How do I know if the carbon monoxide detector is working properly?

To keep your carbon monoxide detector in good working order, you should:

- **Test your detector weekly.** Do this by pushing, holding and releasing the TEST/RESET button at the front of the unit. The detector will beep and a red light will flash.
- Vacuum the air vents at the front of the detector occasionally to keep them free of dust.

Who should look after and maintain my carbon monoxide detector?

The Council will service your carbon monoxide detector once every year. This will routinely be carried out as part of the annual service of your central heating system.

The Council will repair or replace your detector if it is found to be faulty. If you think your carbon monoxide detector is not working properly contact your local Access Point at one of the offices overleaf or telephone 0300 123 4566 during office hours or 08457 565656 out with office hours.

What should I do if my alarm goes off?

If harmful levels of carbon monoxide are detected your detector will sound a continuous alarm.

Do not panic. Stay calm and remember **TASK**

- T** Turn off or extinguish all fuel burning appliances if safe to do so.
- A** Air - open all doors and windows to increase ventilation in the property and go outside and stay out in the clean fresh air.
- S** Seek medical assistance if you feel unwell.
- K** Keep all appliances turned off until checked by a qualified registered installer or engineer.

If the alarm on your carbon monoxide detector is triggered you should contact your local Access Point at one of the offices overleaf or telephone 0300 1234566 during office hours or 08457 565656 out with office hours.

For a **Carbon Monoxide emergency**, where the occupants' lives are at risk, **call 999** and ask for an **ambulance** and the **Fire & Rescue Service**.

What else can I do to protect my family from carbon monoxide?

- Ensure your home is well ventilated.
- Ensure all chimneys and flues are clean and in good working order.
- Ensure all cookers, heaters and boilers are well maintained, well ventilated and are not confined in enclosed spaces.
- Explain to your family, especially children, what the carbon monoxide detector alarm signal means.
- Decide on a meeting place outside your homes where your family should meet if your alarm sounds and ensure that your children know they should go there and wait for you.
- Hold a drill at least every 6 months to make sure that your families, especially children, know how to get out of your home safely.