

Winter Gas Safety Campaign - 2016

WorkSafe's Energy Safety team is responsible for regulating the safe use of gas and electricity in New Zealand homes and workplaces. While gas is instant, reliable and efficient it needs to be used properly. This Winter Gas Safety 2016 campaign – in partnership with the LPG Association and the Gas Association – will run for 16 weeks throughout winter and aims to help millions of New Zealanders use gas and LPG safely in the home. It focuses on four key safety issues:

- What to do if you smell gas.
- Installing and maintaining a gas appliance
- Using a portable LPG cabinet heater
- Using a gas cooker in a caravan

These four areas are where Energy Safety see the most incidents. LPG cabinet heaters have caused the deaths of four people over the past five years. Another three have died in gas accidents in caravans over seven years.

We also want to remind Kiwis to use a qualified gas fitter to install any gas appliance – it's not safe or legal to just do it yourself. If you smell gas indoors, don't muck around – if safe to do so turn off all gas appliances and get a licenced gas worker to check the installation. If an appliance is poorly maintained or faulty it can produce poisonous carbon monoxide.

Steve and the gasbags



Get on board with the gas safety messages and take a look at the videos below.

Installing and maintaining a gas appliance



Never try to install a new gas appliance yourself. It's just not safe and it's illegal.

Using a portable LPG cabinet heater



They may be easy to use and affordable, but LPG cabinet heaters need to be used carefully.

What to do if you smell gas



If you smell gas indoors, don't muck around. If safe to do so, turn off the appliance and get help.

Gas safety in caravans



Fires and carbon monoxide poisoning are all too common in caravans.