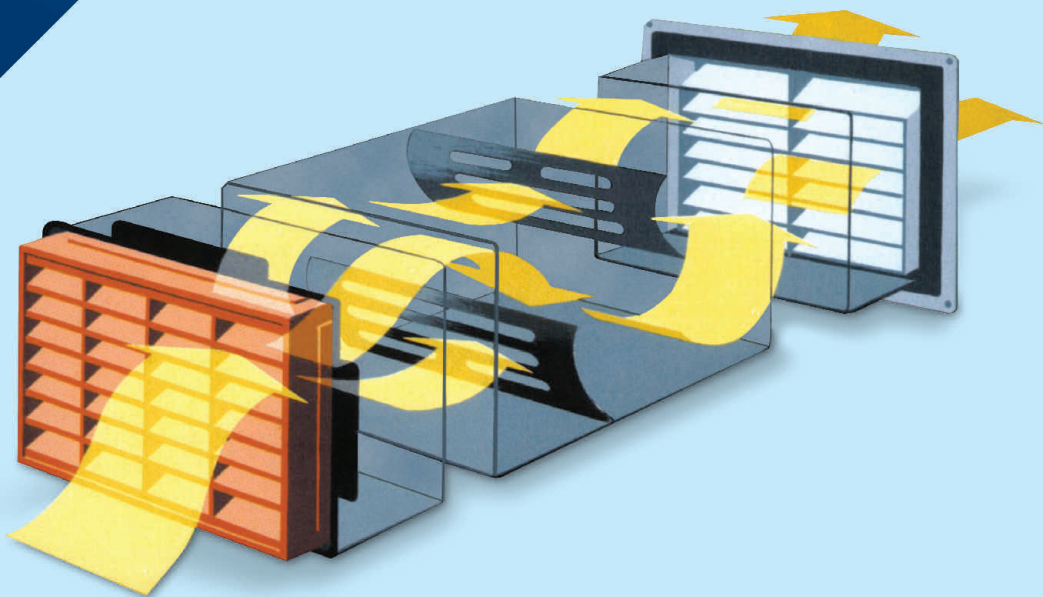


# Avoid the risk of inadequate ventilation in your home



## Everything you need to know about ventilation safety.

Since 1st June 2008 Gas Safety Guidance changed to help reduce the number of incidents associated with inadequately ventilated appliances. If your central heating system has inadequate ventilation, then there is a danger that harmful gas such as carbon monoxide will enter your home leading to serious injury, or in the worst case scenario, a fatality. That is why it is vital that you have your heating system regularly checked by one of our British Gas engineers to ensure your central heating is safe.

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**Q How can I make sure my appliances are adequately ventilated?**

**A** Have your gas appliances checked at least every 12 months by a British Gas engineer to make sure they are working correctly - including safety controls, flueing and ventilation.

**Q What happens if my central heating system has inadequate ventilation?**

**A** After your British Gas engineer has checked your appliances and identified any deficiencies, he/she will be happy to explain the work required and provide you with a quote.

**Q What else can I do to reduce the risks of poor ventilation?**

**A** As well as having your appliances regularly checked, you can also fit a carbon monoxide alarm, which will alert you to the presence of this potentially lethal gas. If you wish to purchase an alarm, please talk to your British Gas engineer.

## Key tips on ventilation

**NEVER** use a gas appliance if you think it is not working properly. Signs to look out for include yellow or orange flames (except for fuel-effect fires which display this colour flame), soot or stains around the appliance and pilot lights which frequently blow out.

**NEVER** cover an appliance or block the convection air vents.

**NEVER** block or obstruct any fixed ventilation grilles or air bricks.

**NEVER** block or cover outside flues.

**ALL** gas consumers are advised to have their chimney swept regularly and to have appliances checked for safety every 12 months by a CORGI-registered installer.