

# British Gas

How we deal with your complaints

## If you have a complaint, let's get it sorted

We're really sorry you're not happy. We want to sort things out for you quickly, so please contact us on webchat:

- Visit our dedicated website [www.britishgas.co.uk/energy/contact-us](https://www.britishgas.co.uk/energy/contact-us) to chat to us online. You don't have to log in to chat to us.
- We'll do our best to address your concerns right away. If we can't we'll record your complaint and we'll let you know what we plan to do next and when you can expect to hear back from us.

### If you're not happy with how we're dealing with your complaint

You can get in touch with our Customer Services Directors dedicated team by emailing

**[Service\\_energy@britishgas.co.uk](mailto:Service_energy@britishgas.co.uk)**. Please put 'Complaint' and your account number in the subject line.

### What happens next?

When you get in touch to make a complaint we'll investigate fully and let you know what needs to happen next – whether that's us saying sorry, making a goodwill gesture or giving compensation. Some account issues can take time to fix. So until we've sorted your problem, we recommend you keep making regular payments to cover your energy usage.

### Complaints about our sales activities

We'll look into the issue, explain what's happened and say sorry. We'll work with you to sort things out and may give you some compensation.

### Problems with the delivery of your gas or electricity supply

We'll speak to your network supply operator and pass on all the details so they can investigate. We'll let you know what they say and pass on any compensation you may be owed.

### If you need independent advice

You can get help with energy problems. This includes issues with your bills or meters, or if you're struggling to pay for the energy you use.

If you live in England or Wales, go to **[citizensadvice.org.uk/energy](https://citizensadvice.org.uk/energy)** or contact the Citizens Advice consumer service on **0808 223 1133**. Calls are free.

If you live in Scotland, go to **[energyadvice.scot](https://energyadvice.scot)** or contact Advice Direct Scotland on **0808 196 8660**. Calls are free.

You can also get advice from an independent body. Citizens Advice and Advice Direct Scotland are the official sources of free and independent energy advice and support.

You can get in touch with them at any time during the complaints process.

### We always aim to sort out problems as quickly as possible

We'll make every effort to get your complaint sorted within a day of getting it. But, sometimes it can take a little longer.

So if we haven't been able to sort it out within eight weeks, or we can't agree a way forward with you, we call this 'deadlock', we'll write and let you know that you have the right to pass your complaint to the Ombudsman Services: Energy.

The Ombudsman is there to help sort out disputes between energy suppliers and their customers. It's free to use the Ombudsman's services and they're totally independent – they don't take sides and their decisions are based only on the information they have.

You don't have to accept their decision, but if you do, we'll act on what they say. That might mean saying sorry, explaining what's gone wrong, fixing the problem or even paying you compensation.

### To contact the Ombudsman

- Call: **0330 440 1624**
- Textphone: **0330 440 1600**
- Email: **[enquiry@ombudsman-services.org](mailto:enquiry@ombudsman-services.org)**
- Go online: **[ombudsman-services.org/energy](https://ombudsman-services.org/energy)**
- Write to:  
**Ombudsman Services: Energy,  
PO Box 966, Warrington  
WA4 9DF**

On their website you can also find their factsheet, which gives you full details about their services and how they can help you.

### Our guaranteed standards of performance

Go to **[www.britishgas.co.uk/guaranteed-standards-of-performance](https://www.britishgas.co.uk/guaranteed-standards-of-performance)** to view the Standards of Performance leaflet. It provides more details about the service we offer, the levels of customer care we guarantee and what you're entitled to from the companies that maintain your pipes and cables.

**All the information in this leaflet applies to our British Gas customers.**

To download a copy of the information contained here, go to:  
**[www.britishgas.co.uk/energy/contact-us](http://www.britishgas.co.uk/energy/contact-us)**

If you would like to view a copy of The Gas and Electricity (Consumer Complaints Handling Standards) Regulations 2008, visit **[legislation.gov.uk](http://legislation.gov.uk)**



If you would like this information in another format, like large print, Braille or an audio version, contact us on webchat to let us know.

We may record calls to help improve our service to you. Calls to 0800 numbers are free. Call charges to 03 numbers will cost no more than 01 or 02 numbers, please check with your phone provider.

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