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# Carbon Monoxide Alarms

We want to know what you think



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# Introduction



We want to make sure people in Wales are protected from the risks of poisoning from **carbon monoxide**.



**Carbon monoxide** is a gas that is produced when fuel like gas, oil and coal are burned.



We burn fuel like gas, oil and coal when we are cooking or using fireplaces at home.



When appliances like fireplaces, gas cookers and boilers are not looked after properly, they can leak **carbon monoxide**.



There is no smell to it. Or colour. Or taste. So, it is hard to know it is there.



If people are mildly poisoned, they may get headaches and symptoms that feel like flu.



Higher amounts of **carbon monoxide** can cause people to collapse or even die.

# Carbon monoxide alarms



**Carbon monoxide alarms** can warn people when **carbon monoxide** is in their home.



This can help keep people safe. And stop them from being in danger from **carbon monoxide**.



At the moment it is only the law to have a **carbon monoxide alarm** if you use certain appliances. For example, a wood-burning stove.



In July 2022 a new law came out for landlords who rent out homes.



They must make sure all rooms with gas, oil or wood appliances have a **carbon monoxide alarm**.



We would like to know what people think about having **carbon monoxide** alarms in all homes.



Please answer the questions in this document and send it back to:

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**Please send us your responses by: 28 April 2023**



We think all homes that put in appliances which use any oil, gas or solid fuel like wood **should have carbon monoxide alarms.**



This would help keep people safe. And give people peace of mind.





## Question 1

Do you agree with our plans to make it law for all homes to have a carbon monoxide alarm if they put in appliances that use:

- any oil
- any gas
- or any solid fuel like wood?

Yes

No

If no, please tell us why:

## Other spaces



Should **carbon monoxide alarms** be in spaces like garages or attics?

Sometimes there are boilers in places like these. But people may not spend time in them.

### Question 2

**Do you think spaces like these should also be covered by this law?**

Yes

No

If no, please tell us why:

# Bedrooms



Sometimes an appliance may be in 1 room, but a **flue** could run through a bedroom.

A **flue** could mean piping from the appliance or part of a chimney.

## Question 3

**Do you think rooms that have flues in them should be covered by this law?**

Yes

No

If no, please tell us why:

# Cookers



We think that only cookers with **flues** should be covered by this law. This is because cookers are not usually covered in laws about buildings.

## Question 4

**Do you agree with this?**

Yes

No

If no, please tell us why:

# Other things to think about

## Alarms



At the moment **carbon monoxide** alarms are meant to:



- Follow standards by the British Standard Institute



- Have a battery that lasts for the life of the alarm



- **Or** be powered by the mains electricity with fixed wires.



We would like to know whether you think these rules should remain the same or be changed.



### Question 5

Do you think the law on the type of **carbon monoxide** alarm used needs to change?

Yes

No

If no, please tell us why:

## Costs



We have thought about the cost for all homes to have a **carbon monoxide** alarm. It is a lot of money.



But it would be worth the cost. We would save more than we spend in the long term.



### Question 6

**Please tell us what you think about the costs and benefits of having carbon monoxide alarms.**



## Question 7

**Please use this space to tell us about anything else you would like to add about this subject.**





### Question 8

**Do you think these plans could have any good or bad effects on the Welsh language?**

**How could we make sure Welsh is treated fairly to English?**



### Question 9

**How could the plans be changed to make sure there are more chances to use the Welsh language?**

# About you



**Name:**



**Your job (If you are answering for work)**



**Who do you work for (If you are answering for work)**



**Email:**



**Address:**



**We might publish people's answers on the internet or in a report.**

**If you don't want your name or address shown anywhere, please tick here**

**This consultation will close on: 28 April 2023**

**We will then publish a response to it.**

# How we use your information



We use your information by following a law called **UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)**



Our staff will be able to see your answers. Sometimes we ask other organisations to help us understand people's answers. So, they may see your information too.



We normally publish a report showing the kinds of things people said.



Sometimes this means people's personal details are included. Please tell us if you do not want your personal information included.



If you are in our report the information could be available for a long time.



But information that is not published is only kept for 3 years.



The data protection laws give you the right to:

- Know what information we have about you and how you can see it.
- Make us change any mistakes in the information about you.
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# Hard words

## Carbon monoxide

This is a substance that is produced when things like gas, oil and wood are burned.