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#### Carbon Monoxide

Carbon Monoxide poisoning is a nightmare you may never wake up from! It is an efficient killer, invisible and having no smell it can strike without warning.

We're not trying to scare monger, but make people aware. Department of Health statistics show that around 50 people die each year in England and Wales from Carbon Monoxide poisoning with up to 4,000 more treated in hospital.

Rykneld Homes does not want you to be part of these statistics. It is therefore vital that you let us maintain and service your heating appliances regularly.

#### Please help us to help you.

All properties managed by Rykneld Homes, receive an annual Safety Check/Service which is carried out by a qualified engineer. Most of our customers appreciate why we have to do this, and are only too pleased to co-operate. There is still a small minority who do not and refuse to let us in.

If you repeatedly deny us access to carry out this necessary work we have the legal right to force entry.

To book a servicing appointment please call 08000 121 621.

#### What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon Monoxide is a toxic gas which will kill you if you breathe in too much of it.

If gas or solid fuel is not burned up properly by the appliance then excess carbon monoxide can build up in the air you breathe.

You are at risk if your appliance – that is your gas fire, central heating boiler, solid fuel boiler/fire, warm air unit or water heater have not been fitted or maintained properly. You are also at risk if you have allowed unqualified people to install these appliances. Under no circumstances should you try to repair or replace an appliance yourself.

#### Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Be aware of the signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, they include:

- Drowsiness
- Headaches
- Weakness
- Nausea and sickness
- Pains in the chest

## REMEMBER - YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS ARE AT RISK IF:

- any gas appliances are not working properly
- you have not let us check your appliances
- there is staining on or near the walls around your appliances
- your chimney or flue gets blocked up
- you prevent free flow of fresh air/ventilation in the room
- you sleep in the same room where an appliance is left burning at night.

# Contact Rykneld Homes on: Freephone 08000 121 621 to arrange an appointment

