

Carbon Monoxide Detector/Alarm



WHY FIT A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR?

Carbon monoxide is a highly poisonous gas released when fuels are burnt eg gas. It is invisible, has no smell and very difficult to detect. A dangerous level of this gas can occur if an appliance is faulty or badly maintained, a flue is partially or totally blocked or a room is not adequately ventilated. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be fatal.

KNOW YOUR CHIRPS!

The **GREEN** power light flashes at approx 1 minute intervals to show it is working correctly – No Chirps

The **RED** alarm light will flash continuously & buzzer will sound if Carbon Monoxide is present

If the unit chirps:

1 chirp per minute = a battery fault

2 chirps per minute = a detector fault

3 chirps per minute = end of detector life

5 chirps per second = **Carbon Monoxide Present**

WHAT TO DO IF THE ALARM SOUNDS

Open all doors and windows to ventilate the area. Where possible turn off all fuelled appliances. Evacuate the property leaving doors & windows open. Ring the gas/other fuel supplier on their emergency number - see overleaf. **DO NOT** re-enter property until alarm has stopped. Get immediate medical help for anyone suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning such as headaches, nausea & advise that **carbon monoxide** poisoning is suspected. **DON'T** use appliances until they are checked & cleared for use by a competent person according to national regulations.

See overleaf for further information

GAS EMERGENCY SERVICE - Telephone:

0800 111 999

OIL USERS – Telephone OFTEC on:

0845 658 5080

SOLID FUEL USERS – Telephone HETAS on:

0800 600 000

**TESTING YOUR
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR/ALARM**

The unit **should be tested monthly** by pressing and holding the test button on the front of the unit for 5 seconds. If the unit is functioning correctly, the GREEN light will stay illuminated, the RED light will flash and the alarm will sound.

**DISPOSAL OF YOUR
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR/ALARM**

The unit will operate for up to 5 years under normal use. The unit must be replaced when either the end of life signal is given – buzzer sounds 3 times per minute or a fault warning signal – 1 or 2 chirps per minute is given.

DISCLAIMER

This alarm is designed to alert you to a potentially dangerous build-up of Carbon Monoxide gas. It is not designed to remedy a carbon monoxide problem nor to locate a specific source of carbon monoxide. The unit is NOT a substitute for either a smoke alarm or a combustible gas detector, should NOT be seen as a substitute for the proper servicing of fuel-burning appliances or the sweeping of chimneys and is NOT to be used on an intermittent only basis.

Care & Repair East Lothian do not accept responsibility for the operation of the monitor.