

FREE CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM/DETECTOR



Care & Repair are working in conjunction with East Lothian Council and the Lothian & Borders Fire Service to offer potentially vulnerable households a Carbon Monoxide Alarm/Detector **free of charge**.

What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a highly poisonous gas which has no smell, no taste and no colour. It can be produced when any fossil fuel such as coal, wood or natural gas does not burn correctly and excess CO is produced which is poisonous. Because you can't see it, taste it or smell it, it is highly dangerous and in certain conditions can kill quickly and without warning.

If you would like a Carbon Monoxide Alarm/Detector fitted **free of charge** please call us on **01620 828445**. You will also receive information about what action to take if the alarm sounds and what the various chirps mean. There is another very detailed leaflet which comes with the unit.

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

Reduce the risk of being poisoned by the deadly gas carbon monoxide, with these simple tips:

Carbon monoxide can be given off by all fossil fuels. You need to look out for:

- Boiler pilot light flames burning orange, instead of blue
- Sooty stains on or near appliances
- Excessive condensation in the room
- Coal or wood fires that burn slowly or go out
- Families suffering prolonged flu-like symptoms

Take a few simple precautions to reduce your risk:

- Have your gas appliances serviced **annually** by a gas engineer who is registered with the **Gas Safe Register**.
- Use professionals to **annually** service any other fossil-fuel burning appliances such as oil or coal burning stoves
- Fit carbon monoxide detectors in your home & ensure that such detectors are maintained and replaced according to packaging instructions