

Safety Tips

Regularly inspect gas appliances



Do it right. Stay safe.

Do you have a gas furnace, gas stove, or other gas appliances?

You have your car serviced regularly to ensure your family's safety and you should have your gas appliances serviced regularly too, for the same reason. Taking the appropriate safety steps will reduce the chance of a gas leak or carbon monoxide poisoning, and will increase your safety during cold weather.

To ensure your household safety, have a licensed contractor:

- service your gas appliances (such as furnaces, stoves, hot water tanks, dryers, ranges, boilers and fireplaces) annually
- inspect the boiler, vents and chimney for your radiant heating system annually

To avoid gas leaks during the winter:

- clear snow from around your gas meter
- protect your gas meter and gas pipes from ice buildups

Keep your energy efficient home safe!

Reduce your heating costs, not your family's safety. When you make your home more energy efficient, make sure that you have adequate ventilation for natural gas and propane heating appliances to avoid risks related to carbon monoxide poisoning. Always have a gas contractor who is licensed by the BC Safety Authority check your vents and air openings when they inspect your gas appliances.

Ways to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning are available at:

www.safetyauthority.ca/safety-information/homeowners/gas

