

This checklist highlights the most important things you need to remember to prevent gas & fire accidents in your home.

Fit alarms



- Fit carbon monoxide detectors
- Fit smoke alarms (complying with British Standard 5446: Part 1)
- Test them regularly & check batteries
- Unplug appliances that aren't in use – especially phone charges, heaters & irons
- Don't overload adaptors
- Make sure cables don't run underneath carpets or rugs

Check appliances



- Ensure your home has an annual gas safety check carried out by a Gas Safe registered engineer
- Get electrical appliances tested by an approved contractor
- Check electrical leads regularly. If they are frayed or faulty don't plug them in or switch them on

Be careful



- Don't cover heaters
- Never leave burning candles unattended
- Never leave matches where children might find them

Plan



- Plan an escape route & make sure everyone is familiar with it
- Keep escape routes clear

- Keep keys to exits handy
- Make sure any necessary mobility aids are within easy reach at night
- Register with your local fire and rescue service if you have sight, hearing or mobility issues

If fire breaks out



- Get everyone out & stay out
- Dial 999
- If possible, close doors behind you
- Stay as low to the ground as possible
- Cover your nose and mouth

Further advice

- Send us an email at <https://sheltercymru.org.uk/email-advice/>
- call us on 0345 075 5005
- visit sheltercymru.org.uk/getadvice

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