

Explaining a problem to the responsible person

Glossary of terms used

New Installations

Gas appliances or other fittings installed or brought into use for the first time.0.

Existing installations

Gas appliances or other fittings which are not new installations and have already been used.

Immediately dangerous

An appliance/installation is one which, if operated or left connected to a gas supply is an immediate danger to life or property. The engineer must advise the end user and the responsible person that the gas appliance concerned is considered to be 'immediately dangerous'. The appliance must not be used and should be disconnected from the gas supply. It must not be used until work has been carried out to correct deficiencies.

At Risk

An appliance/installation that, if operated, may lead to a situation which could create risk to life or property. The engineer must advise the end user and the responsible person that it should not be used. It will have been turned off until work has been carried out to correct the deficiencies identified. It may be an offence to use a gas appliance knowing it is at risk.

Not to current standards

One which is not in accordance with the current regulations, standards, specifications, or codes of practice but does not constitute either an immediately dangerous or at risk situation. Where the situation involves a gas appliance, the appliance is safe but the responsible person may want to take advice on whether the installation should be brought into line with current installation standards. It does not necessarily mean that the installation was installed incorrectly in the first place. The situation may have been brought about by a change in installation practice since it was installed. Generally speaking, where standards have changed it is a good idea to bring the installation up to current practice standards.

A combination of more than one not to current standards may result in an open flued or flueless appliance being considered 'At Risk'.