



Think CO Programme Autumn 2025 E-newsletter



Welcome to the Autumn 2025 Think CO e-newsletter from the Gas Safe Charity.

Autumn seems to have arrived early in many parts of the UK. Leaves have started turning yellow and blackberries have become overripe. Even though the summer warmth has left us, people probably haven't put their boilers back on or lit their coal fire just yet.

Early autumn is an excellent time to get gas and other appliances serviced and to have chimneys and flues swept before they get used for the first time in months – Think CO's top tip. In your role as a CO aware worker or volunteer, it's a great opportunity to remind your clients to get this done or to chase landlords for a tenant's annual gas safety check if it hasn't been done in the last year.



To help remind you of what to say and do with your clients, Think CO is launching its App. Further details about the App are below, but to download it to your Android phone, go to Google Play and search "Think CO" or if you're reading this on your Android phone, click here [Android Think CO App](#)

As well as the App, we're also highlighting Gas Safety Week 2025. The toolkit for the week has lots of free resources for your clients. Details below.

As ever, our e-newsletter showcases CO information and news, plus the resources available from the Think CO Programme.

Our aim continues to be to help you raise carbon monoxide (CO) awareness with the people you support in all our communities, as well as with your work or volunteering

colleagues.

We continue to provide Think CO online training (**there are Zoom workshops available all the way through to the end of November**) - book here: [Free Think CO workshop](#)).

Simon and Hilary

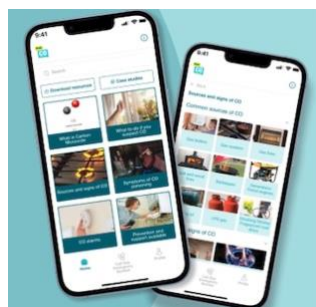


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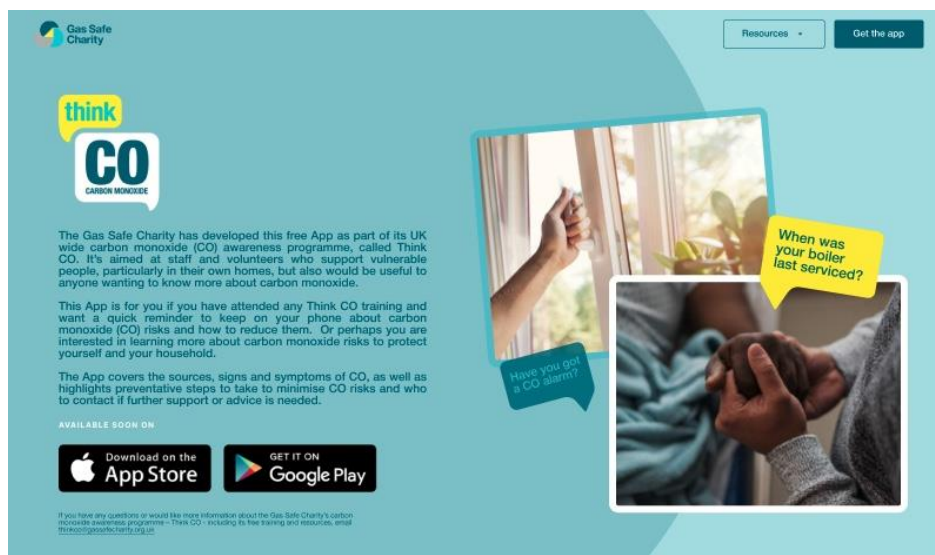
The free Think CO App is now available for Android phone users. The easy-to-use App is aimed at anyone who has been on any Think CO training and is a useful reminder of the key CO safety messages as well as a quick way to access resources and support on CO for you and your clients.



Co-funded by the Gas Safe Charity and the Gas Distribution Networks, the App is free to download. The Android version can be downloaded here: [Android Think CO App](#) if you are reading this on your Android phone.

We are working to launch the Apple version of the App asap. Watch this space!

The App covers all the Programme's key CO safety messages (sources, signs and symptoms and how to help prevent CO), plus information on CO alarms and how to find your local Fire and Rescue Service Safe and Well scheme or a Gas Safe registered engineer.



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Resources Get the app

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The Gas Safe Charity has developed this free App as part of its UK wide carbon monoxide (CO) awareness programme, called Think CO. It's aimed at staff and volunteers who support vulnerable people, particularly in their own homes, but also would be useful to anyone wanting to know more about carbon monoxide.

This App is for you if you have attended any Think CO training and want a quick reminder to keep on your phone about carbon monoxide (CO) risks and how to reduce them. Or perhaps you are interested in learning more about carbon monoxide risks to protect yourself and your household.

The App covers the sources, signs and symptoms of CO, as well as highlights preventative steps to take to minimise CO risks and who to contact if further support or advice is needed.

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If you have any questions or would like more information about the Gas Safe Charity's carbon monoxide awareness programme - Think CO - including its free training and resources, email thinkco@gassafecharity.org.uk

Have you got a CO alarm?

When was your boiler last serviced?

We are keen to get feedback about the App and learn how future versions could be improved. If you have any comments about it, please contact us at thinkco@gassafecharity.org.uk



Gas Safe Week 8th-14th September 2025

Looking after your home, friends and family



Gas Safety Week 2025 is taking place this year from 8th - 14th September. It's the gas industry's largest awareness week, aiming to help promote gas safety amongst the public and drive home the importance of getting all gas appliances safety checked annually by a Gas Safe registered engineer.

The theme for this year is *'Looking after your home, friends, and family'*, emphasising that everyone has a role in keeping the nation gas safe. Whether you are directly responsible for your own household's or your

tenants' gas safety, or you may have wider responsibilities such as looking after older relatives or children who are at university or you may be supporting and advising someone through your work or volunteering, in all these roles, you can still share information and knowledge with others, showing that we can all make a difference.

The toolkit includes a variety of resources such as social media assets, available in English and Welsh, leaflets and posters, factsheets and other resources, to help you effectively communicate the importance of gas safety to your audiences.

For more information and free tools to help you raise gas awareness, download the Gas Safety Week toolkit today [Download the toolkit now](#)



Zoom workshops

For you – we continue to run free, hour-long online Think CO workshops every month with the current schedule taking us through to the end of November 2025.



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Attending a workshop will enable you to know what CO is, its sources signs and symptoms, as well as how to prevent CO poisoning risks. We aim to make them as informative, engaging and as interactive as possible.

To book, click [Free Think CO workshop](#)

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Join a Meeting

Sign In

For your organisation - we can run free Zoom Think CO workshops just for your organisation. The online workshops can be for your staff / volunteers only or they can include people from partner organisations you work with as well.

Let us know if your organisation would be interested. Contact thinkco@gassafecharity.org.uk for more information.

Landlord responsibilities



It was good to see a recent article on landlord's responsibilities in relation to CO alarms in England written by the esi. It covers the regulations from 2015 and the 2022 amendments, but also highlights issues around Homes of Multiple

Occupation (HMOs) and the potential fines for non-compliance of up to £5,000. You can find out more by clicking [HERE](#) and there is also a video in the article.

Policy Update

Every so often Think CO highlights the work of colleagues looking to change the law to make us all more CO safe. This time we're highlighting the Renters' Rights Bill which includes reforming the Decent Homes Standard.

Renters' Rights Bill

According to LandlordTODAY, one in five rented homes in the private rented sector won't meet the Decent Homes Standard set to be introduced in the Renters' Rights Bill currently at the end of its passage through Parliament.





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For a property to be considered 'decent' under the proposed standard, it must be in a reasonable state of repair, have reasonably modern facilities and services, provide a reasonable amount of thermal comfort, and contain no so-called Category 1 hazards under The Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS).
Category 1 hazards include carbon monoxide.

The Bill passed its third reading in Parliament just as both Houses rose for this summer's recess. It's now at the final stage before it receives royal assent, meaning it may not be passed until mid-October after the Houses return from recess. In the final stage, MPs in the House of Commons will consider the amendments made in the Lords - this will tentatively take place in early September.

The Bill will introduce new protections for renters in both private and social housing, including a new Decent Homes Standard that will be applicable for both the private and social rented sectors in England.

Further updates on the Bill can be tracked [here](#).

CO and gas awareness leaflets in community languages

With thanks to colleagues at SGN and East Kent Mencap, we have built upon their work and developed 15 leaflets in a range of community languages. The leaflets highlight both CO and gas safety.

We will continue to contact a wide a range of organisations from these communities across the UK over the course of the next few months with the aim of raising CO awareness with the people they work with.

There are 15 leaflets available for you to use. The leaflets are available in:

Arabic
Bengali
Chinese (simplified)
Dari
Easy read
English

Gaelic
Gujarati
Pashto
Polish
Punjabi
Romanian



Ukrainian
Urdu
Welsh

You can download any or all of the leaflets from the Gas Safe Charity's website via this [Think CO Written Resources](#)



Think CO resources – all free

E-learning

Anyone can register for the Think CO e-learning course by sending your name and email address to e-learning@gassafecharity.org.uk. The course is accessible all year round.

Zoom workshops

There is a schedule of one-hour Zoom workshops currently available to November 2025. To book on click on this link: [Free Think CO workshop](#)



Face-to-face workshops

If you would like to discuss arranging a face-to-face workshop in your area, please contact us on thinkco@gassafecharity.org.uk

Materials

We have a range of guides/leaflets that can be downloaded via this link including our new translated leaflets in 15 different community languages: [Gas Safe Charity](#)