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Business Information

Do you supply second-hand gas cookers?

Second-hand gas cookers have to comply with the Gas Cooking Appliances (Safety) Regulations 1989.

It is an offence to fail to comply with these provisions.

Requirements

The main requirements are that a gas cooker shall be in such a condition that when in normal use:

- Gas carrying parts must be sufficiently sound to prevent any death or injury from gas escape.
- Door seals must work properly to prevent fumes leaking.
- Ignition burners must work properly to light the burners promptly.
- The ignition of a burner must result in the cross-lighting to all flame ports in the burner.
- The amount of carbon monoxide given off must not be enough to cause death or injury.
- Any device, which shuts off the gas to a burner when the flame unintentionally goes out, must work promptly and safely.
- Cookers with shut down lids must either:
 - (i) Have a shut off device, which works to automatically shut off the gas when the lid is shut down OR
 - (ii) Have a legible and durable warning under the lid stating that it is dangerous to close the lid without extinguishing the hot-plate burners.
- Surface temperatures of all parts of the cooker, except working surfaces, must not get hot enough to give rise to any likelihood of personal injury.
- Heat emitted by the cooker must not cause any adjacent walls, floors or materials to reach a temperature that would give rise to any likelihood of a fire hazard or personal injury.
- Any device, which shuts off the gas to a burner when the flame unintentionally goes out, must work promptly and safely.
- All accessible parts of the cooker must be free from sharp edges.
- Freestanding cookers must be stable when the oven and grill doors are open and a weight of 15kg is placed at the centre of the oven door.

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- Tap handles must be:
 - (i) easy to use
 - (ii) not able to be turned on accidentally AND
 - (iii) legibly and durably marked to show which tap handle controls which burner and the closed, open and reduced rate position for each tap.

The cooker must be indelibly marked with the manufacturer or importer's name.

What steps should I take to ensure a gas cooker is safe?

Under the legislation you are required to take all reasonable steps and exercise all due diligence to ensure that the second-hand gas cookers you supply are safe.

Some of the above points, such as the marking requirements, can be checked visually but many can only be checked when a cooker is actually connected up to the gas supply. The way to make sure a second-hand gas cooker is safe is to have it examined and tested by a competent gas installer prior to its supply. This is not a legal requirement but it is a sensible precaution.

You should keep a written record of any checks made.

Installation

A competent installer must install all gas appliances. You should advise your customers (ideally in writing) to use only CORGI registered installers.

Keeping within the law

If you sell a second-hand gas cooker that is unsafe you may be prosecuted. The maximum penalty is a £5000 fine and/or 6 months imprisonment.

This leaflet is a brief summary of the law regarding the supply of second-hand gas cookers. It is not an authoritative document on the law and is only intended for guidance. For further advice please contact Trading Standards at the address in the panel below.



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