



SUBJECT: Gas Safety – Who's checking your pipes?

RECIPIENTS: All Service areas (including schools)

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Kitchen fitter prosecuted for endangering homeowners' lives



Following the recent prosecution of an individual for undertaking legal gas works the HSE commented:

The individual involved displayed a deliberate and reckless approach to the law by putting the owners of these properties at risk with a view to profiting financially.

“Having deceived those involved into thinking he was Gas Safe registered he carried out work which in one instance could have resulted in someone being seriously injured or even killed.

“This case should act as a reminder that HSE will prosecute those who flout the law in such a way, putting the lives of members of the public in danger.”

Russell Krämer, chief executive for Gas Safe Register, said:

“Illegal gas work is dangerous and can put lives and property at risk. It's vital that you employ a Gas Safe registered engineer to carry out any gas work. Every registered gas engineer carries a Gas Safe ID card.

Always ask to see the card and check their unique licence number with Gas Safe on the website

www.GasSafeRegsiter.co.uk or call the free helpline on 0800 408 5500.”

Homeowners and landlords can check whether a gas engineer has a valid licence card by visiting the Gas Safe website at: <http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/> or calling 0800 408 5500.

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