# Four essential steps to improve **Carbon Monoxide Awareness**

## Put it in the school curriculum

Improve information and equipment for the medical profession

Knowledgeable children are far more able to make adults do things than any other sector of society. Teaching children about the dangers of the modern world not only increases their potential to be safe but also enables them to carry home the message to their families and friends.

A&E doctors and emergency service paramedics and ambulance staff acknowledge the benefits of non-invasive diagnostic equipment and up to date information for rapid on-site diagnosis. Aggressive multi-system presentation for which carbon monoxide poisoning is the only tenable unifying diagnosis can be further proved immediately by the use of breath analysis or Pulse CO Oximetry.

### Create an advice and information resource for solicitors and victims

Many victims are let down in their fight for compensation or proof of their condition by a legal system that favours those who can afford to employ expensive legal expert witnesses to collect evidence and fight the case.

**Ensure that all** installation and servicing is carried out by competent operatives

Only one fuel (gas) requires the installer/service operative to prove competence to work safely. Proper training has been replaced by short, modular, academically-based courses. Many installer/service operatives in all three fuels lack the experience to recognise potential problems. We need to get back to having people who know what they are doing and have the incentive to do it properly.



CO-Awareness supports victims, their families and friends poisoned by Carbon Monoxide (CO) while trying to raise awareness among health professionals and the general public, of the dangers of CO.

Trust in us to help you understand the effects of Carbon Monoxide (CO) and other toxic products of combustion. CO is the chemical formula for carbon monoxide



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#### CO-Awareness Week starts on the third Monday in November every year