



Support our **CO-Awareness Campaign 2009**

This year the campaign focuses on

- **Better medical support for victims**
- **Better education about CO**
- **Getting all gas, oil and solid fuel appliances serviced**



COME AND SUPPORT US. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



**Four
essential steps
to the improvement
of CO poisoning awareness.**

Step 1

Put it in the School curriculum

Knowledgeable children are far more able to make adults do things than any other sector of society.

By teaching children about the dangers of the modern world we not only increase their potential to be safe we also enable them to carry home the message to their families and friends.



Step 2

Improve information and equipment to the medical profession.

Both 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.

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Step 3

Create an information and advice resource for lawyers 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 and expert witness staff to collect evidence and fight the case.



Step 4

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

Because only one fuel (gas) requires the installer/service operative to prove competence to work safely and proper training has been replaced by modular academically based short courses many installer/service operatives in all three fuels lack the experience to recognise potential problem areas.

We need to get back to having people who know what they are doing and have the incentive to do it properly.

