



PRESS RELEASE

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Middlesex, April 2007 – Tonight Panorama reports on the tragic death of two children from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning in Corfu. As the law stands in the UK, it is compulsory to have safety checks on gas boilers and all gas appliances in rented accommodation but not in your home!

gas-*elec* is the independent gas and electrical safety testing organisation which carries out over 100,000 impartial (we don't sell boilers!) safety inspections on properties throughout the UK every year. Its locally-based inspectors daily encounter horror stories of boilers and gas systems that have been neglected and allowed to fall into an inefficient or dangerous condition.

John Davidson, managing director of gas-*elec*, would like to see it compulsory for home owners to have annual safety checks on their boilers. "We service our cars at least once a year to keep them safe, wouldn't it make sense to do the same with our gas appliances as well," he says.

If you would like informed comment on carbon monoxide poisoning and what we think we – and the government – should be doing to make our homes safer and help prevent such tragedies occurring – please contact gas-*elec* on 0800 587 9999.

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Editor's Notes

Founded in 1996, **gas-*elec*** carries out impartial safety inspections and light remedial works. Its unique inspection service provides the residential lettings market with multiple inspections of the gas and electrics in just one visit. **gas-*elec*** has over 126 franchisees operating from 18 regional offices, who this year will carry out more than

120,000 safety inspections in domestic properties throughout the UK. For more information visit www.gas-elec.co.uk.

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