

## ALMO support for Gas Safety Week

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The ninth annual Gas Safety Week (16-22 September 2019) sees organisations from across the UK, including NFA members, working together to raise awareness of the dangers of poorly maintained gas appliances.

Council-owned housing companies who have pledged support for the awareness-raising campaign include Cheltenham Borough Homes, Blackpool Coastal Housing, Poole Housing and Berneslai Homes.

Berneslai Homes is aiming to make sure residents have good information about the risk posed by poorly maintained gas fittings, stressing how important it is that residents allow accredited engineers to carry out the compulsory yearly home safety check.

And Cheltenham Borough Homes' gas contractor Liberty is offering [a clear online guide](#) to help householders spot problems and make sure that engineers are genuine.

Berneslai Homes' Domestic Heating Manager Kevin Faver said: "All our gas engineers are Gas Safe-registered and customer safety is our number one priority.

"It is a legal requirement that we must give every customer a free annual gas service to ensure their home and gas appliances are safe to use, so it is essential that our customers allow us into their home."

All gas engineers working on behalf of NFA members carry the Gas Safe card or other formal ID that residents can ask to see before allowing them into their home.

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Note to editors: The National Federation of ALMOs Ltd (NFA) represents England's 31 arms-length management organisations (ALMOs). ALMOs are not-for-profit council-owned housing companies. They **manage nearly 420,000 council homes across 34 local authorities**.

First established in 2002 as part of the Government's Decent Homes programme, ALMO companies now work with their parent councils to deliver diverse housing services. These range from new-build development to support for residents' employability, financial resilience and health and well-being.

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