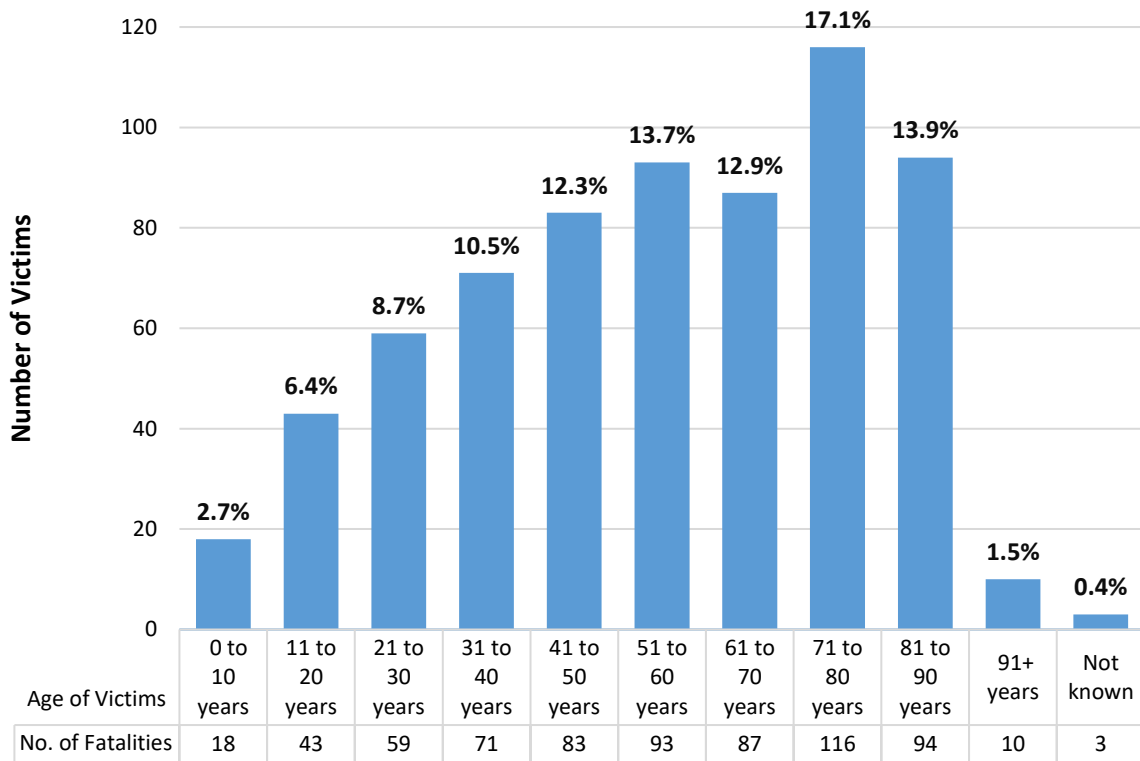


AGE OF VICTIMS relating to UK deaths from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning from 01.09.1995 to 31.08.2017



CO-Gas Safety comment

It is interesting to note that those aged 71-80 years make up just over 7% of the population* yet represent around 17% of the total deaths. In our opinion, many more deaths in this age group that may actually be due to CO are probably put down to 'heart attack' or other 'natural causes' (and therefore do not come to our attention and become included in our statistics). This is because there is no automatic test for CO on death, meaning the number of deaths in this age group in particular could be even higher.

**Taken from ONS Table P01 2011 Census: Usual resident population by single year of age and sex, England and Wales.*

The Gas Safety Trust is funding a pilot to develop a protocol to test *all* dead bodies for CO in three Coronial areas. It started in early 2016. However, not much progress seems to have been made.