

CO-GAS SAFETY'S STATISTICS ON DEATHS AND INJURIES*

UK deaths caused by unintentional Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning

(Between 1 Sept 1995 - 31 Aug 2018): **Total: 697**

Note *Information is collected from the International Press Cuttings Bureau on a daily basis and from other sources. Coroners are contacted about all deaths. For further details please visit www.co-gassafety.co.uk

TENURE	
Total Number of CO unintentional deaths by Tenure: (1 Sept 95 – 31 Aug 2018):	
Owner/Occupier	400
Private Rental	70
Council	67
Housing Association	19
Owned by employer	10
Temporary (e.g. hotel, tent)	29
Other (e.g. owned by relative)	18
Unknown	84

SITUATION					
Total Number of CO unintentional deaths by Situation (1 Sept 1995 – 31 Aug 2018):					
House	393	Garage	33	Other	6
Flat	101	Shed or similar	17	Unknown	4
Caravan or mobile home	32	Commercial premises	26		
Boat	33	Tent	17		
Vehicle	29	Workplace	6		

FUEL TYPE																								
Total Number of CO unintentional deaths by Fuel breakdown and CO-Gas year (1 Sept to 31 Aug):																								
	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	TOTAL
Gas (mains)	29	20	18	21	14	15	8	9	8	14	14	9	12	18	4	11	1	5	3	3	4	·	1	241
Gas (portable)	9	8	5	6	10	6	7	7	6	4	7	4	3	7	6	3	3	1	3	2	2	·	·	109
Solid	21	18	23	13	17	14	4	8	5	7	8	14	11	3	8	7	12	6	6	5	2	1	2	215
Petrol/diesel	6	7	3	9	3	7	6	1	2	3	2	10	6	4	4	7	3	5	4	2	3	8	·	105
Oil	·	2	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	1	·	1	1	·	·	1	·	·	1	·	·	7
Paraffin	·	·	·	1	1	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	1	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	3
Unknown	·	1	·	·	1	·	2	1	2	1	·	·	·	·	·	1	1	3	2	·	1	1	·	17
Total	65	56	49	50	46	42	27	26	23	29	31	38	33	33	23	29	20	21	18	12	13	10	3	697

Note: Zane Gbangbola, aged 7, died in February 2014. The Coroner's verdict in September 2016 was that Zane died of carbon monoxide poisoning. However, the blood test found only 8% carboxyhaemoglobin and we have never heard of a death of an otherwise healthy person dying at such a low level. The family disputes the finding and continues to maintain that Zane died of hydrogen cyanide from a flood from a landfill site, so we have not included this death. see <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3794537/Justice-Zane-New-hope-parents-blamed-death-flood-tragedy-son-MP-attacks-seriously-flawed-inquest.html>

Near-Misses from Unintentional Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in UK

(1 Sept 1995 - 31 Aug 2018) **Total: 5541**

Of these, more than 2350 required hospital treatment and over 450 had lost consciousness

95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	Total
452	448	320	376	327	300	97	149	178	216	152	331	214	260	197	178	223	310	300	148	191	144	30	5541