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Gas Safety Inspections – Landlord responsibilities

The Scottish Government has updated their guidance on the requirements for landlords and Gas Safety Inspections. Please see a section of the guidance below regarding Gas Safety Inspections, the full document can be found using the link. <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-landlord-and-letting-agent-faqs/>

Q. What about my legal obligations to provide regular gas safety inspections?

Due to the current health emergency, the Scottish Government would like to see the postponement of the annual gas safety check to ensure the spread of the Covid-19 virus is reduced. However, the Scottish Government recognises that the annual gas safety regulations are reserved to the UK Government and we cannot change them. The Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning has written to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) urging them to take a pragmatic and proportionate approach by providing a temporary extension of the statutory obligations for gas safety in light of the public health emergency. In the meantime, HSE advice setting out what it considers best endeavours should be followed.”

Landlords should follow HSE/Gas Safe Guidance - <https://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/help-and-advice/covid-19-advice-and-guidance/landlords/>

Guidance on safe working requirements can be found here -- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>