

Information when encountering Cabinet Heaters with a 'Visual Inspection' - V3

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Servicing and maintenance work on LPG Cabinet heaters falls within the scope of the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998. These are 'specialised' appliances therefore persons working on them must hold the correct competencies and be competent to undertake the work.

Landlords who provide cabinet heaters in their rented or leased properties have a legal duty to have them checked for safety annually and to keep appropriate records.

However, when 'customers/tenants own' mobile cabinet heaters are encountered in premises the following should be undertaken:

1. Be visually inspected for obvious signs of damage, corrosion, misuse, distress and ageing; this should include the hose and regulator;
 - Where evident or suspected, the appliance should be classified following the guidance in IGEM/G/11 (GIUSP).
2. There will likely be 'restrictions' on appliance location, space/room size and ventilation requirements to meet the manufacturer's instructions;
 - Where these cannot be verified the appliance should be classified following the guidance in IGEM/G/11 (GIUSP).
3. The gas user should be informed to have the appliance safety checked/serviced by a suitably competent person;
 - This should be recorded in the 'comments section' of the Work Record.
4. It should be stressed to the user a 'Visual Inspection' is **NOT** a safety check on the appliance.

Note: Liquid Gas UK strongly advises all users to have their cabinet heaters serviced regularly by a competent GAS SAFE registered business or person as recommended in the manufacturer's instructions.

For further information:

Liquid Gas UK - Guidance Note GN2:2002 A Guide for Cabinet Heater Servicing.