

Solid Fuel Safety Standard

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The safety of our customers, colleagues and contractors is at the heart of all we do.
- 1.2 We are committed to ensuring that arrangements to prevent fires and to protect residents in their homes are delivered consistently to this standard, while meeting all regulation as an absolute minimum and best practice where appropriate.

2 Standard

- 2.1 We maintain membership with OFTEC, Oil Firing Technical Association Component Persons Scheme which designates and recognises installers who are approved to install and maintain solid fuel, oil and renewable energy heating equipment.
- 2.2 We undertake an annual service and inspection of all solid fuel appliances.
- 2.3 All homes with solid fuel appliances will be provided with appropriate CO alarm protection.
- 2.4 Where solid fuel appliances have been condemned or decommissioned as part of the service, we will render it inoperable and ensure that the permanent block up or removal of the appliance is added to our programmed works.
- 2.5 We will not grant permission for residents to install new solid fuel appliances or to install solid fuel burning appliances. This decision is based on both safety and environmental grounds.
- 2.6 We will not provide retrospective permission for the installation of solid fuel appliances and will ensure prompt removal of the appliance.
- 2.7 Our standard is to remove solid fuel appliances and open fires where possible. This decision is based on both safety and environmental grounds. Where solid fuel appliances are removed and where this is the primary source of heating for existing residents, we will ensure that the property is provided with an appropriate heating system balancing warmth, environmental impact and customer affordability.
- 2.8 Solid fuel appliances are always be removed during void works as standard.
- 2.9 To comply with The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarm Regulations we will ensure a carbon monoxide detector is installed in any room containing a solid fuel burning appliance and tested annually during safety inspections.
- 2.10 We undertake 5% quality assurance checks on post and work in progress repairs.