



GLEN EIRA  
CITY COUNCIL

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## Is your gas heater safe?

With many of us staying at home due to COVID-19, we may be running gas heaters for longer periods than usual. This could increase the risk of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning if domestic gas heaters are not regularly maintained or operated without adequate ventilation.

Carbon monoxide is an odourless, colourless gas that may cause symptoms such as tiredness, shortness of breath, headaches, dizziness, nausea, weakness, confusion or chest pain if inhaled.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said with winter now here, Council would like to remind all community members about the importance of getting heating systems properly maintained and regularly serviced by a qualified tradesperson.

“Before using a gas heater, check that any permanent ventilation in your home is clear and ensure there is fresh airflow into the room,” she said.

“It’s imperative that the entire system, including ducts, filters and fans are thoroughly cleaned prior to using your heater.

“Gas heating should also not be left running continuously overnight or for extended periods.”

Be sure your gas heater is safe. Energy Safe Victoria recommends that all gas heaters are serviced at least once every two years by a qualified gasfitter. Some models of open-flued gas space heaters are subject to a safety alert and must be rectified as well as serviced before use.

For further information, visit [esv.vic.gov.au/safety-alerts/gas-open-flued-gas-heaters/](https://esv.vic.gov.au/safety-alerts/gas-open-flued-gas-heaters/)

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