



GAS INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS STAY SAFE AND LEGAL

Applicable to all gas installations making use of liquified butane gas, bottles up to 15 kg.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Installation must be done or certified by official gas installation company
2. Gas bottle installations in below ground level rooms are not allowed, neither are installations in cupboards under stairs or hallways, unless expressly authorised by the relevant Comunidad Autonoma authorities
3. If gas bottles are situated outside (patio, terrace) and the appliance is situated inside the building, there must be an easily accessible 'key' installed inside to disconnect the gas flow
4. Inside a building, you cannot have more than 2 gas bottles 'in parallel' connected to or in reserve for same appliance
5. Gas bottles must always be kept in vertical position, either empty or full
6. The room or cupboard where the connected gas bottles are kept, must have a permanent ventilation opening at the bottom, or very near to ground level, making sure it is never blocked
7. If you keep reserve gas bottles inside your home, and they are not connected to the installation by flexible tubing, they must be kept in a separate room, always away from all heat producing sources and the room must be well ventilated
8. It is strictly forbidden to connect a gas bottle to a device without the required pressure regulator unless connected to a 'direct pressure' device by means of rigid tubing /pipe

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MINIMUM DISTANCES TO UPHOLD WITHIN HOME, OFFICE OR SHOP

1. Wood burner, pellet burners, gas burners/stove... 1,5 meters
2. Small ovens, electric heaters.... 30 centimeters
3. Electric interruptors or conductors.... 30 centimeters
4. Electric sockets.... 50 centimeters

PERIODIC REVISIONS OF INSTALLATIONS/CONTRACT

Every 5 years, by a certified company. The owner is responsible for the installations to be in correct and safe working order, or in the case of his absence, the user of the installation, so in case of a landlord living abroad for example; this would effectively be the tenant. So if you are renting long term, check the validity of the current contract and make a clear arrangement as to who is going to take care of the periodic revision.

Make note of the initial date of your gas contract, and keep it safe, as insurance companies have been known to try and get out of paying a client's claim, stating a faulty gas installation was the cause of a fire, for instance, and if you cannot produce a valid certificate, they might get away with it as well.

Most gas companies send out periodic letters to remind you of the periodic revision or you could ask at your local gas bottle supplier and make an appointment through their office.

Never be persuaded to let in a 'rogue' gas inspector who comes to your house uninvited as you will likely end up paying for far more than the legally required revision costs and it will not be valid either.

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