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**Gas Safety (Installation and Use)
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Part II

Gas Fittings — General Provisions

General safety precautions

6.—(1) A person shall not carry out any work in relation to a gas fitting in such a manner that gas could be released unless steps are taken to prevent the gas so released constituting a danger to any person.

(2) A person carrying out work in relation to a gas fitting shall not leave the fitting unattended unless every incomplete gasway has been sealed with the appropriate fitting so as to be gastight or the gas fitting is otherwise safe.

(3) Any person who disconnects a gas fitting shall, with the appropriate fitting, seal off every outlet of every pipe to which it was connected.

(4) A person carrying out work in relation to a gas fitting which involves exposing gasways which contain or have contained flammable gas shall not smoke or use any source of ignition in such a manner as may lead to the risk of fire or explosion.

(5) A person searching for an escape of gas shall not use any source of ignition.

(6) Where a person carried out any work in relation to a gas fitting which might affect the gastightness of the gas installation, he shall immediately thereafter test the installation for gastightness at least as far as the nearest valves upstream and downstream in the installation.

(7) A person shall not install a gas storage vessel unless the site where it is to be installed is such as to ensure that the gas storage vessel can be used, filled or refilled without causing a danger to any person.

(8) A person shall not install in a cellar or basement—

(a) a gas storage vessel; or

(b) an appliance fuelled by liquefied petroleum gas which has an automatic ignition device or a pilot light.

(9) A person shall not intentionally or recklessly interfere with a gas storage vessel or otherwise do anything which might affect a gas storage vessel so that the subsequent use of that vessel might cause a danger to any person.

(10) A person shall not store or keep gas consisting wholly or mainly of methane on domestic premises, and for the purpose of this paragraph, such gas from time to time present in pipes or in the fuel tank of any vehicle propelled by gas, or in a refillable cylinder designed to store gas and not filled or refilled on or near the premises, shall be deemed not to be so stored or kept.