

# What you need to know about Theft Of Gas

## Theft of Gas is:



Dangerous



Illegal



Customers  
pay the price

## Reporting Theft of Gas

- 📞 PSNI 101 📞 UK Revenue Protection Association 02895 757 206
- 📞 Crimestoppers 0800 023 2777

## Gas Theft: Know the Facts

### ✘ Myth

"There's no safety risk in tampering with your gas meter."

### ✘ Myth

"It's not a crime."

### ✘ Myth

"It's victimless – it only costs the energy companies."

### ✘ Myth

"The meter is on my property – so its my choice what I do with it."

### ✘ Myth

"I won't get caught."

### ✘ Myth

"I have no choice I can't afford my bills."

### ✔ Fact

Theft of gas is extremely dangerous - it places lives and property at risk. Interfering with pipes and meters is dangerous and puts your safety and the safety of your neighbours at risk.

### ✔ Fact

Not only is it dangerous, it's also illegal and as a serious crime can result in prison and hefty fines or disconnection from the natural gas network.

### ✔ Fact

Theft of gas increases the overall cost of energy – which means everyone pays.

### ✔ Fact

Gas companies own the gas meter at your property and have the right to inspect meters to validate the technical and safety aspects of meter installations – an entry warrant may be obtained where access is denied.

### ✔ Fact

All reports are investigated and many prevention and detection measures are in place. Don't take the risk!

### ✔ Fact

If you are finding it difficult to pay your energy bills there are organisations that are there to support you. You should contact your gas supplier to find out more about the support that's available.

QUICK CHECK

Call the police  
on 101 for quick check



## Don't Pay The Price For Gas Theft

Only certified energy company operatives should ever work at your meter or gas supply. If in doubt, you can verify energy company employees using Quickcheck - a simple call to 101 – the police non-emergency number.