What You Need To Know About Theft of Gas

Theft of Gas is:



Reporting Theft of Gas

We can all play a part in keeping our communities safe from gas theft. If you see something suspicious, such as a locked or obstructed meter box or are aware of energy theft, you can report it anonymously by contacting:

- Phoenix Energy directly on 03454 555 555
- PSNI on 101
- UK Revenue Protection Association on 028 9592 0125 or www.ukrpa.co.uk
- Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 023 2777





CrimeStoppers.



Gas Theft: Know the Facts



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



"It's not a crime."

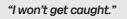


"It's victimless – it only costs the energy companies."



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







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



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.



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.



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



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.



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



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.

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.

