

# Unregistered gas fitter sentenced after carrying out dangerous gas work

An unregistered gas fitter has been sentenced to a community order with a curfew after carrying out illegal gas work at a home in East Northamptonshire.

Anthony Worrall trading as AW Plumbing and Drainage was reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in 2018 after he carried out gas work, including the removal of a gas fire and the replacement of a boiler and pipes at a home in Chelveston, East Northants between July and September. The homeowners raised concerns after the work was left in a dangerous condition.

Mr Worrall was not registered with the Gas Safe Register and had previously been warned by HSE in 2014 after he was found to have replaced a boiler and carried out associated gas pipework at a house in Raunds, East Northants whilst unregistered.

Anthony Worrall of Dean Close, Rushden, Northamptonshire, pleaded guilty to breaching Sections 3(3) and 5(3) of the Gas Safety (Installation & Use) Regulations 1998 at Northampton Crown Court. He was sentenced to a 12-month community order with a 20-day rehabilitation activity requirement and an electronically monitored curfew. He was also ordered to pay costs of £520.

After the hearing HSE Inspector Mark Austin said: "The dangers of working with gas are well known and the consequences of getting it wrong can lead to significant damage to property, serious injury or loss of life, therefore, there is a legal requirement to be both competent and Gas Safe Registered when working with gas.

"HSE will not hesitate to take action against those who do not work safely with gas."

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## **Notes to Editors:**

1. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety. We prevent work-related death, injury and ill health through regulatory actions that range from influencing behaviours across whole industry sectors through to targeted interventions on individual businesses. These activities are supported by globally recognised scientific expertise. [www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)
2. More about the legislation referred to in this case can be found at: [www.legislation.gov.uk/](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/)
3. HSE news releases are available at <http://press.hse.gov.uk>
4. The Gas Safety Register website address is: <https://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/>

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