

Tips from the Gas Safety Association

Using gas appliances in the kitchen is becoming more and more popular. Below are some helpful hints should you opt to install a gas appliance in your kitchen:

Use only a registered gas installer to install your appliance and associated pipe work. On completion of the installation the registered installer will issue you with a Certificate of Compliance to verify that the work done has been tested and is in compliance with the National Standard (SANS 10087-1). Failure to use a registered installer could nullify your appliance guarantee and any insurance claim in the event of fire damage. A full list of registered gas installers can be found on the Gas Safety Association web site.

The maximum quantity of gas that may be installed inside a building is as follows:

Houses	19kg
Flats	9kg

If you exceed an amount of 2 x 19kg bottles the Cape Town municipality by-laws require you to submit a plan for approval. Other municipalities only require plans for quantities exceeding 2 x 48kg bottles.

When your kitchen is being planned please keep the following in mind:

Your gas hob / cooker should be installed a minimum of 200mm away from any isolator or plug point.

There may be no electrical switch in the cupboards directly below a gas hob.

Your gas hob / cooker should be installed a minimum of 5m from a DB board or ignition source.

Your gas hob / cooker should be a minimum of 1m away from any door.

A maximum of 1 x 9kg gas cylinder may be stored in the kitchen and can be kept in the under-counter cupboard adjacent to the gas hob or cooker.

For further information please visit our website www.lpgas.co.za