

ADDITIONAL EXAMINER ACTIONS

Where the defects placing people or property in 'immediate danger' or 'at risk' relate to:

- leaking gas;
- leaking petrol;
- gas refrigerators with naked flames on petrol-powered boats;
- heat damaged cables or other electrical fire risks;
- a.c. electrocution risks;
- significant quantities of fuel or other substances escaping into the watercourse.

...take the following actions in addition to those in Appendix A

- inform the owner (or representative) about the hazards as soon as possible;
- ask for the hazard to be made safe or neutralised immediately, such as by turning off the fuel or disconnecting the electricity supply;
- advise that the systems, installations or appliances are not used again until fixed;
- advise that any repairs are best carried out by a competent person.

Where the boat is located at any mooring, marina, or basin operated by a third party, notify the person responsible for those moorings of the situation, and the action taken, by the quickest means available. Notify the manager of the Boat Safety Scheme by the quickest means available. If the boat could not be made safe, make this known.

In the extreme combined circumstances that the boat could not be made safe AND the person responsible for the moorings or the manager of the Boat Safety Scheme could not be contacted, then contact the relevant navigation authority or harbour authority by the quickest means available, if necessary by using emergency contact telephone numbers.

DEFECTS REQUIRING GAS SUPPLY TO INSTALLATION OR APPLIANCE TO BE TURNED OFF

The examiner is to take the additional actions detailed below if defects relate to leaking gas or leaking flue gases from appliances.

Explain to the owner the risks or dangers and why the gas supply to the installation or appliance should be immediately turned off.

Inform the owner that the installation or appliance should not be used until a competent person rectifies the fault(s).

Request the owner to turn off the gas supply at cylinder(s), main shut-off valve(s), or the appliance as appropriate and replace any protective caps or plugs to the cylinder connections.

Where the gas supply has been turned off by means of the main shut-off valve or the appliance isolation valve, secure the valve in the closed position by means of adhesive warning tape.

Secure a LPG Warning Label in a prominent position on or near the main shut off valve or appliance as appropriate. The position should be where anyone entering onto the boat will be sure to see it.

IMPORTANT: DISCONNECTING HEATING SYSTEMS

Examiners should take particular care if the action taken results in the disconnection of the heating systems on boats with people living on board in cold weather.

In extreme cases e.g. where there are elderly, young or disabled people on board, it may be necessary for the owner to notify Social Services, or other authorities, or friends or family so that alternative sources of heat can be provided.