

# Do's And Don'ts Of Gas Log Fire Safety



Gas log fireplaces elegantly combine creating a [welcoming atmosphere](#), with quick, clean and efficient heating, which no other style of heaters can.

They are comparatively simple to use. However, like all styles of heating, there are a few safety do's and don'ts you need to be mindful of when using a gas log fire.

## ***Do***

The [correct installation](#) of a gas log fire can be a lot more complex than what you probably would have imagined. To ensure your safety, gas log fires need to be installed, tested and commissioned correctly. It is critical that gas log fires should be only be fitted by an accredited and licensed plumber/gas fitter, who, preferably has been specifically trained by the manufacturer.

## ***Don't***

Like all other forms of heating, gas log fires do get hot when they are being used. Remember to warn all the members of your household not to touch the glass screens. And, it is also worthwhile fitting a secondary fire screen if you have children, pets and older people who are likely to come in contact with the heater.

## ***Do***

Although gas log fires are one of the cleanest forms of heating, all heaters can have residual build-up of burnt fuel, dust or other pieces of debris. Every 12 months it's important to schedule [servicing and testing](#) from a licenced gas fitter.

It's also a good idea to have regular carbon monoxide testing carried out on your gas log fire.

## ***Don't***

Yes, your gas log fire looks just like it has regular logs and pebbles randomly placed around it. But, they have actually been strategically placed not to interfere with the gas fire's combustion and efficiency. So, don't adjust, change, remove or otherwise interfere with your unit's logs or pebbles.

***Don't*** Outwardly gas log fires look and behave like an open fire, but the safety and efficiency of their internal workings rely on them not being tampered with. Their flames are for 'appearance' only so don't ever burn things like paper, wood and marshmallows in them.

***Don't*** Vents and Grilles are designed to allow air to flow in and out of your gas log fire. Blocking them off can cause massive air pressure problems which can result in a failure to keep your air quality safe. Ensure vents and grilles are free from blockages.

***Don't*** In an interview with [ABC News](#) last year, MFB's Andrew O'Connell said forgetfulness and neglect were often to blame for preventable house fires. Dryers are for drying - no matter how cold it is, always 'keep heaters at least a metre away from combustibles like clothes.' In no circumstances should clothes or clothes airers ever be left close to the glass screen of gas log fires – especially not at night when everyone is asleep.

**At any point if there is an issue with your gas log fire, or it does not seem to be burning correctly, switch the it off and call a reputable repairer such as The Gas Log Fire Company on 1300 373 745**

As [the Better Health Victoria](#) states 'if you service your heater regularly and use it correctly, it should be safe and economical to use.'

**For any information about installation, the many different models of Gas Log Fire, or anything else to do with Gas Log Heating, pay a visit to our Factory / Showroom: Unit 7 of 29/31 Clarice Road, Box Hill South, Phone: 1300 373 745,, fill out our [enquiry form](#), or [email](#)**