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CER PROSECUTES INDIVIDUAL FOR PORTRAYING THEMSELVES AS A REGISTERED GAS INSTALLER

On 1st September 2014 the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) prosecuted an individual from County Dublin for illegally portraying themselves as a Registered Gas Installer, specifically using the Registered Gas Installers (RGI) logo on their company website. This case was heard at the Dublin District Court.

At the time, this individual was not a Registered Gas Installer, and therefore committed an offence under the Electricity Regulation Act, 1999.

The court allowed the defendant to pay a sum of €500 to Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin. In addition, costs of €250 were awarded to the CER.

This prosecution represents the eighth prosecution taken by the CER to date and emphasises the requirement by law for anyone using the Registered Gas Installer logo or portraying themselves as a Registered Gas Installer, to be registered with the Registered Gas Installers of Ireland (RGII).

Commissioner for Safety, Paul McGowan stated:

“The CER is committed to using its resources to investigate and prosecute unregistered individuals who portray themselves as a Registered Gas Installer. This registration is required to protect the safety of the public. The public can be assured that only Registered Gas Installers are competent, insured *and* inspected. “

If any member of the public suspects that a domestic gas installation has been maintained, repaired or installed completed by an unregistered individual they should report it directly (or anonymously) by completing an illegal gas works complaint form at www.rgii.ie or by contacting 1850 454 454.

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Note to Editors:

1. Under the Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 the CER has responsibility to regulate the activities of gas undertakings and gas installers with respect to safety. The CER appointed the Register of Gas Installers Ireland (RGII) to carry out this function on its behalf. Any person wishing to carry out Gas Works (as defined under Statutory Instrument 225/2009 and 299/2011) is required by law to register as a Registered Gas Installer (RGI) with RGII.
2. There are approximately 3,000 RGI's in Ireland. By using an RGI customers can have confidence that they are dealing with a trained installer who has the required expertise in gas safety to ensure their gas installation is safe. The RGII supervise the work of RGI's with respect to safety. Visit www.RGII.ie for further information and a full listing of Registered Gas Installers.
3. The CER's mission in this area is to protect life, to prevent injury, and to minimise economic loss, by means of a pro-active, precautionary and preventative approach to ensuring the safe transmission, distribution and use of gas.
4. Please visit CER website at www.cer.ie for further information on CER's safety responsibilities.