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COMPANY CONVICTED FOR ILLEGALLY PORTRAYING ITSELF AS A GAS INSTALLER

- The company, Boiler Gas Services, received a criminal conviction and a €500 fine.
- The court also imposed the probation act on a Dublin based Plumber.
- The offences committed related to illegally portraying oneself as a Registered Gas Installer.

On 23rd March 2015 the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) successfully prosecuted Boiler Gas Services from County Dublin for illegally portraying itself as a Registered Gas Installer.

At the time, Boiler Gas Services was not registered on the Register of Gas Installers of Ireland and therefore committed an offence under the Electricity Regulation Act, 1999.

In addition, the CER successfully prosecuted a Dublin Plumber for portraying himself as a Registered Gas Installer.

The Judge at Dublin District Court today imposed a criminal conviction on the company Boiler Gas Services and issued a fine of €500. The Judge also imposed the probation act on a Dublin based Plumber for the same offence.

According to Paul McGowan, Commissioner for Safety,

“The result in court today reaffirms the CER’s commitment to prosecute any individuals or companies who illegally portray themselves as Registered Gas Installers. The CER wishes to remind the public that registration is required to protect the safety of the public and 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 by an unregistered individual, or that an unregistered individual has advertised those services, they can report it directly by contacting 1850 454 454. “

A register of those permitted to carry out gas works in your home can be found on www.rgii.ie or by contacting 1850 454 454.

If any member of the public suspects that a domestic gas installation has been maintained, repaired or installed by an unregistered individual they should report it directly (anonymously, if they wish) 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.