

## Nitrogen Dioxide

Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) can be difficult to detect in your home. NO<sub>2</sub> is an invisible and tasteless gas, however, it does have a strong odour. NO<sub>2</sub> levels will rise in a room where an unflued gas heater is in use. Breathing in high levels of NO<sub>2</sub> can cause irritation of the respiratory tract and shortness of breath.

People with asthma and other respiratory diseases are particularly susceptible to the effects of exposure to NO<sub>2</sub>. Children may suffer more often from cold symptoms or asthma attacks if exposed over a prolonged period of time.

Source: NSW Health Factsheet - Unflued Gas Heaters

[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/environmental/gas\\_heaters\\_fs.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/environmental/gas_heaters_fs.html)