

## **F-Gas Regulations**

## **UK Energy Services**

Air conditioning units use fluorinated greenhouse gases or F-gases. The EU regulates the use of these gases in air conditioning systems. The regulations state that people who work with F-gases must hold appropriate licenses and certifications. There is a range of different certification bodies that operate in the UK. The company must have F-Gas certification as well as the employees who work with on installations and with F-gases. There are different certifications that cover maintenance, installation and leakage checking. There are different bodies which offer certification. Refcom, Bureau Veritas and the F-Gas Register offer Government approved certification. Companies like UK Energy Services that have certification, must make sure their employees have F-gas training. If you are looking for an air conditioning installer, choose one with F-gas certification. This will give you peace of mind that their work helps to preserve the environment.

These regulations also apply to air conditioning units after installation.

This means that air conditioning unit users are responsible for them.

Their responsibilities cover:

- Taking reasonable steps to prevent F-gas from leaking
- Performing regular leakage checks on the units.
  - o The frequency of these checks varies depending on the size of the unit
- Keeping and maintaining records of the amount and type of F-gas installed in the unit
- Recovering F-gas at the end of the lifecycle of the unit
- Making sure the unit is correctly labelled so that service work can be safely carried out

The easiest way to meet these obligations is to have a maintenance agreement with your installer. In the case of UK Energy Services this means that we will come back and service the unit. As well as helping to meet F-gas regulations, regular servicing will keep your air con system running efficiently for longer.