

WHO IS THE SILENT KILLER?



Notes for teachers

Your guide to our 'Whodunnit?' game – how to play it, what you'll need, and how to help your students solve the mystery.





What's the game about?

As you'll see from our 'stop the silent killer' leaflet, we want to make sure everyone understands the dangers of carbon monoxide.

It's especially important for children and teenagers to learn about it, so we've devised a game that shows them – in a fun, engaging way – what to look out for. The supporting materials will also help you start a discussion on what to do if we suspect a carbon monoxide leak, and how we can prevent the gas getting into the air we breathe.

How it works

The game sets up the mystery of the Plum family, who return from holiday to find Grandma and the family dog both lying on the living-room floor. A series of 'witness statements' from family members, and other clues around the house, then help you guess who or what might be responsible. We hope your group will guess correctly that it's carbon monoxide.

What you'll need

To help you play the game, there are a few things to download:

- » **A video featuring the Plum family mystery, witness statements and clues.** You can pause this at key moments to discuss the clues and try to solve the mystery.
- » **A script for your class to act out the mystery.** You can use this if you don't have the facilities to show the video, or if you feel a role-playing game would be more appropriate for your group.
- » **Clue cards and crime board to print out**
Complete with photos of the family members and clues around the house, the cards help you and your class assess all the suspects. As you continue your detective work, you can pin or stick the clues to the crime board, make connections with a marker pen, and add your own notes.
- » **Stop the silent killer leaflet**
You can print this out for your class to kick-start discussion and provide them with a takeaway that will reinforce the game's key lessons.



Scissors



Tape or glue



Marker pens

TOP TIP

If you don't want to print the crime board you can use a whiteboard, pin board, or large sheet of plain paper.



How to get started

Go to thesilentkiller.co and download the materials. Have a look at the video and script, and decide how best to use them with your group. Remember, if you use the video, you'll need to pause it to give time to discuss the clues – and to avoid revealing the silent killer too soon.

When you've finished playing the game and solved the mystery, don't forget to use the 'stop the silent killer' leaflet as a basis for wider discussions.

Any questions?

If you need help to make the most of the game and supporting materials, please contact: positive.impact@sgn.co.uk