

NATURAL GAS SAFETY RULES

Natural Gas like all forms of energy and like many other products found in the home is capable of doing damage and must be used properly. Here are some facts everyone should know about gas and gas operated equipment from a safety point of view.

- 1.** Teach children that they should not turn on appliances.
- 2.** Keep combustibles (curtain, paper, fluids, etc.) away from open flame.
- 3.** If lighting is required always light match first and hold it at point of lighting before you turn on the gas.
- 4.** Repair and installation is a job for experts – NEVER attempt to do it yourself.
- 5.** Use equipment for the job it was designed to do – for example – an oven must not be used to heat a room.

Gas appliances, equipment and transmission lines are safe and are constantly being tested and improved. However, it is possible, through misuse or accident, to have a gas leak. Your senses can help you discover a gas leak...

*****SMELL** – distinctive odor has been added to natural gas so that less than 1% of gas in the air can be detected.

*****SIGHT** – In some appliances you can see the flame so you know it is working.

*****TOUCH** – With some appliances you can feel overheating or cold in the burner area, which would indicate trouble.

*****HEARING** – If the flame sounds unusually noisy, it may not be burning properly.

IF YOU DISCOVER A GAS LEAK...

- 1.** OPEN WINDOWS and doors to dilute the gas to safe levels.
- 2.** AVOID FLAME and operating of electrical equipment. NEVER light a gas appliance if an odor of gas is present.
- 3.** IF ODOR is extremely strong, EVACUATE BUILDING! Call for help from a neighbor's home.
- 4.** CONTACT qualified persons to turn gas back on and re-light appliances.

IN CASES OF AN EMERGENCY THE PLACE TO CALL:

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