Gas leaks can create fires and explosions. Know how to recognize a gas leak and what to do if you suspect a leak.

• **Know the signs of a gas leak.** Natural gas smells like rotten eggs. If there’s a gas leak, you might smell it, see a white cloud or mist, or hear a hissing or whistling sound.

• **Leave immediately.** If you smell gas, get everyone out of the location immediately. If you are outside, leave the area immediately.

• **Call for help.** When you are safely away from the area, call 911, Con Edison (1-800-75-CONED), or National Grid (1-718-643-4050).

• **Know what NOT to do.** If you smell gas, do not light a match, smoke, ring a doorbell, start your car, use your phone, or turn lights, appliances, or electronics on or off (including flashlights). These things could spark an explosion.

• **Do not assume.** If you smell gas in your home or neighborhood, report it. Do not assume that someone else has already called for help. You can report leaks anonymously if you prefer.

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**Smell gas. Act fast.**

Parents, review the gas safety tips below. Then do a “Home Energy Safety Check” with your child. Use the list below to inspect your home together and review the tips to help keep your family safe.

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**Home Energy Safety Check**

Check each safety tip your family follows:

- Do not use gas ranges or ovens to heat your home.
- Keep flammable materials away from gas appliances, lamps and heaters.
- Have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.
- Test smoke alarms and CO alarms monthly.
- Replace alarm batteries that are low or not working. And replace conventional batteries at least once a year.
- Replace electronics that have broken, frayed, or worn cords. Do not repair the cord yourself.
- Do not overload outlets or power strips with too many appliances.
- Do not place power cords under carpets, rugs, or furniture.
- Do not use or keep electric tools or appliances near water.
- Inspect electrical outlets on a regular basis. (Look for overheating, loose connections, and corrosion.) Call an electrician if there’s a problem.
- Call the police and the electric company if you see a downed or fallen wire.

Check each safety tip your child knows:

- Tell a parent or trusted adult right away if you smell gas.
- Tell a parent or trusted adult immediately if you see a broken cord or wire, or if you see a power line outside that has fallen down.
- Tell a parent or trusted adult if an electric appliance or a cord falls into water—kids should not reach for it.
- Do not play near electric equipment or gas appliances, including stovetops, ovens, washing machines, dryers, heaters, and water heaters.
- Stay away from fallen power lines.