

ENERGY SAFETY FOR YOUR FAMILY

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.



Smell gas. Act fast.

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.

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.