

March Continued a Troubling Consistent Trend in Fuel Gas Incidents

Total fuel gas incidents: 11
States impacted: 10
Injuries reported: 17
Fatalities: 1

Nearly one fuel gas explosion every 3 days in March alone. While natural gas and propane remain safe and efficient energy sources, these incidents underscore a critical and preventable reality:

Undetected gas leaks continue to drive the most severe outcomes.

Notable Incident: When Seconds Matter

Lake Dallas, Texas – Neighborhood Evacuation

A gas-related incident in Lake Dallas led to a large-scale residential evacuation, displacing families and triggering a significant emergency response.

- Homes were cleared due to active gas leak risk
- First responders acted quickly to prevent escalation
- The situation highlights a critical gap: early, in-home detection

In scenarios like Lake Dallas, natural gas alarms could provide earlier warning inside the home, before conditions escalate to evacuation. They also provide reassurance when residents return, helping confirm that a home is safe.

Early detection doesn't just protect people and property, it provides time. And time changes outcomes.



Credit: Lake Cities Fire Department

<https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/local/lake-dallas-gas-leak-shuts-down-roads-evacuations-after-pipeline-damage/287-783ba87c-d8a4-4470-ab37-f332172507c1>

A Pattern We Can't Ignore

Across March incidents, one factor remains consistent: Gas accumulation occurred before detection, not after ignition.

- Leaks went unnoticed
- Gas concentrated in enclosed spaces
- Ignition followed

This is where outcomes diverge:

Detection before ignition can support evacuation. Detection after ignition is often too late. This pattern is not random. This is predictable and preventable.

Regulatory Momentum Is Building

New York City Local Law 157

- Compliance deadline: January 1, 2027
- Applies broadly to residential occupancies across New York City

With less than a year remaining, New York City still has millions of residences left to equip with natural gas alarms.

For property owners and managers, the window to act is narrowing. As the deadline approaches, installation demand and labor constraints will tighten.

Waiting will only make compliance more difficult and more costly.

Maine Fuel Gas Alarm Legislation with a Broader Safety Standard

- Passed by the Maine General Assembly
- Awaiting the governor's signature (expected mid-April 2026)
- Expands requirements to include fuel gas detection across commercial settings, with growing recognition of propane risk
- Compliance dates start in 2026 with rolling compliance deadlines by structure type

States to Watch With Fuel-Gas Safety Legislation Momentum:

Illinois	Michigan	North Carolina
Louisiana	Missouri	Pennsylvania
Massachusetts	New Jersey	Tennessee

Each incident in this report represents a moment where **earlier awareness could have changed the outcome.**

Lake Dallas is a reminder:

We often don't get a second warning.

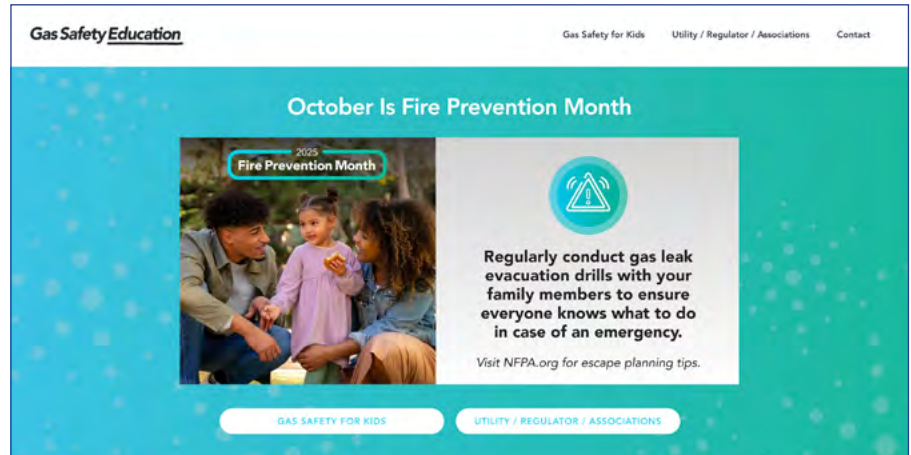
But we can create a first one.

Detect the danger before it becomes an emergency.

New Educational Resource from DeNova Detect

We are encouraged to share that DeNova Detect has launched a new set of resources to advance natural gas safety:

www.gassafetyeducation.com



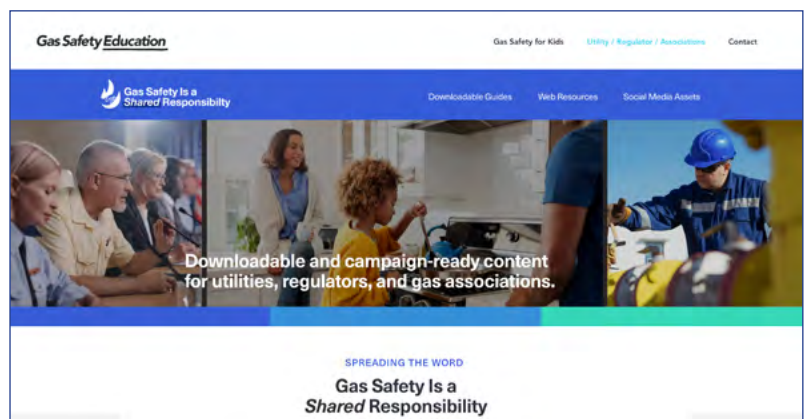
Children's Gas Safety Education Website:

Interactive tools designed to teach kids how to recognize warning signs and act quickly.

www.gassafetyeducation.com/gas-safety-for-kids

Utility Partner Resources: Materials that empower gas companies to educate customers and communities more effectively.

www.gassafetyeducation.com/utility-regulator-associations



While many people recognize the "rotten egg" odor as a sign of a gas leak, society still has a long way to go in understanding the danger of ignoring it – and the life-saving importance of evacuating the premises immediately.

Join Us in Action

Every community deserves protection. Support our work, spread the word about natural gas alarms, and encourage schools, landlords, and utilities to take action now. Together, we can prevent the next disaster.

Visit us at www.preventnaturalgasdisasters.com