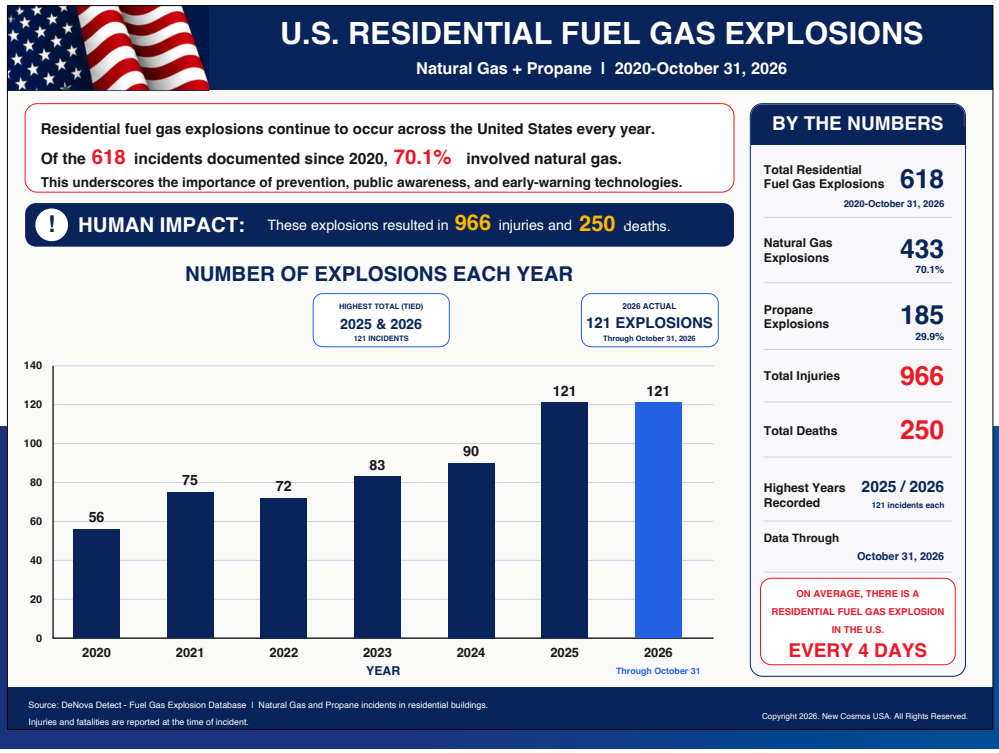
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20 Residential Explosions. 21 Injuries. 4 Lives Lost.

In October, 20 residential fuel-gas explosions were reported across the United States. There were at least 21 injuries and 4 fatalities. With 20 reported incidents in just 31 days, a residential fuel-gas explosion was tracked approximately once every **1.6 days** during October.



OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

20 Residential Explosion Incidents

21 Reported Injuries

4 Reported Fatalities

13 Incidents Tracked as Natural Gas

7 Incidents Tracked as Propane

OCTOBER'S HUMAN IMPACT

Behind every number is a household, family and community suddenly changed by an explosion.

NATIONAL NATURAL GAS SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

National Natural Gas Safety Awareness Week Starts this Sunday!

November 8–14, 2026



This November, utilities, safety organizations, HVAC and plumbing professionals, retailers, emergency responders, legislators and community organizations across the country are being encouraged to come together for National Natural Gas Safety Awareness Week, November 8–14, 2026.

The goal is simple: raise consumer awareness about natural gas safety and give families the information they need to better protect their loved ones, homes and communities.

One week of awareness can help create habits that protect families all year long. Together, we can make natural gas safety a conversation happening in every home and community.

Learn more, access safety resources and find ways to participate at https://www.naturalgassafetyawarenessweek.org/.

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Mio, Michigan | October 3 | Fire and Explosion Destroy Local Creamery

A fire and explosion destroyed The Farmers' Creamery in Mio, Michigan, leaving the facility a total loss.

Firefighters arrived to find heavy flames and a large natural gas line and meter involved in the fire. An explosion later occurred inside the building. No major injuries were reported.

Nine fire departments responded, using over 300,000 gallons of water to extinguish the flames. The exact cause of the fire and explosion is still being investigated.

Read the coverage:

People – Northern Michigan creamery considered a total loss after fire and explosion

https://people.com/michigan-community-mourns-amish-creamery-destroyed-by-fire-12161746

Port St. Lucie, Florida | October 9 | Propane Explosion Seriously Damages Family Home

An explosion and fire severely damaged a home in Port St. Lucie, destroying nearly everything the family owned.

Neighbors reported a fire followed by a loud explosion. A propane tank was sent flying across the street and into a neighboring garage.

One resident was briefly hospitalized, but no serious injuries were reported.

Read the coverage:

WPBF – Explosion inside Port St. Lucie home leaves family with little to salvage

https://www.wpbf.com/article/florida-port-st-lucie-home-explosion/74096638



Raleigh, North Carolina | October 25 | Reported Explosion Precedes House Fire

A home in Raleigh caught fire after neighbors reported hearing a loud explosion shortly before flames erupted from the residence.

Dozens of firefighters responded to the scene. Neighbors also reported hearing popping sounds as the fire spread.

Authorities are still working to determine the official cause of the explosion.

Read the coverage:

WRAL News – Neighbors report hearing explosion before fire engulfs Raleigh home

https://www.wral.com/news/local/raleigh-fire-home-explosion-october-2026/



Quay County, New Mexico | October 29 | Two Injured in Suspected Natural Gas Home Explosion

Two people were injured after an explosion in Quay County, New Mexico.

Both injured individuals were taken to a hospital for treatment. Three dogs inside the home were unharmed.

Officials believe natural gas may have caused the explosion and shut off the gas supply in the surrounding area as a precaution. The investigation is ongoing.

Read the coverage:

KFDA – 2 injured after house explosion in Quay County

https://www.newschannel10.com/2026/10/29/2-injured-after-house-explosion-quay-county/



ABOUT THE DATA

This bulletin reflects publicly reported residential explosion incidents tracked through October 31, 2026. Incident classification is based on information available at the time an event is entered into the database.

Explosion cause, fuel type, injury totals and fatality totals may change as investigations progress and additional information becomes available. Inclusion in this database should not be interpreted as a final determination by investigators that natural gas or propane caused a particular explosion.

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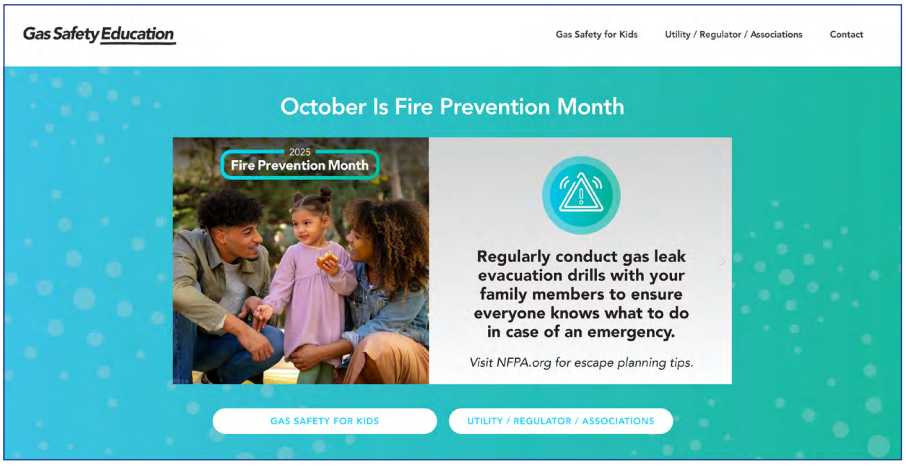
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New Educational Resource from DeNova Detect

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

www.gassafetyeducation.com

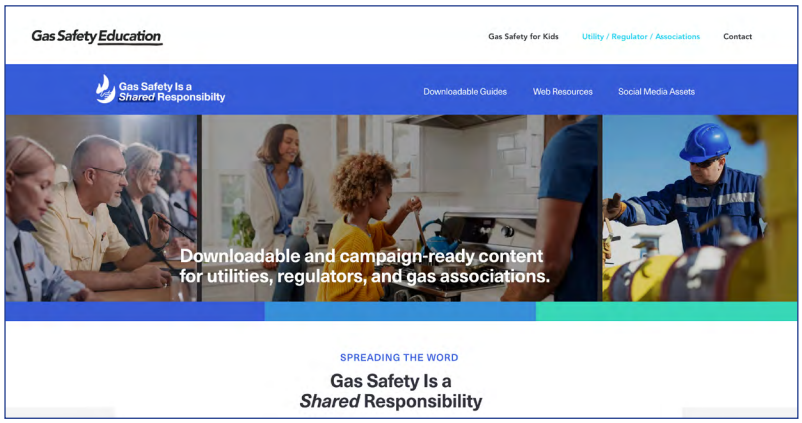


Children's Gas Safety Education Website: Interactive tools designed to teach kids how to recognize warning signs and act quickly.

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

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