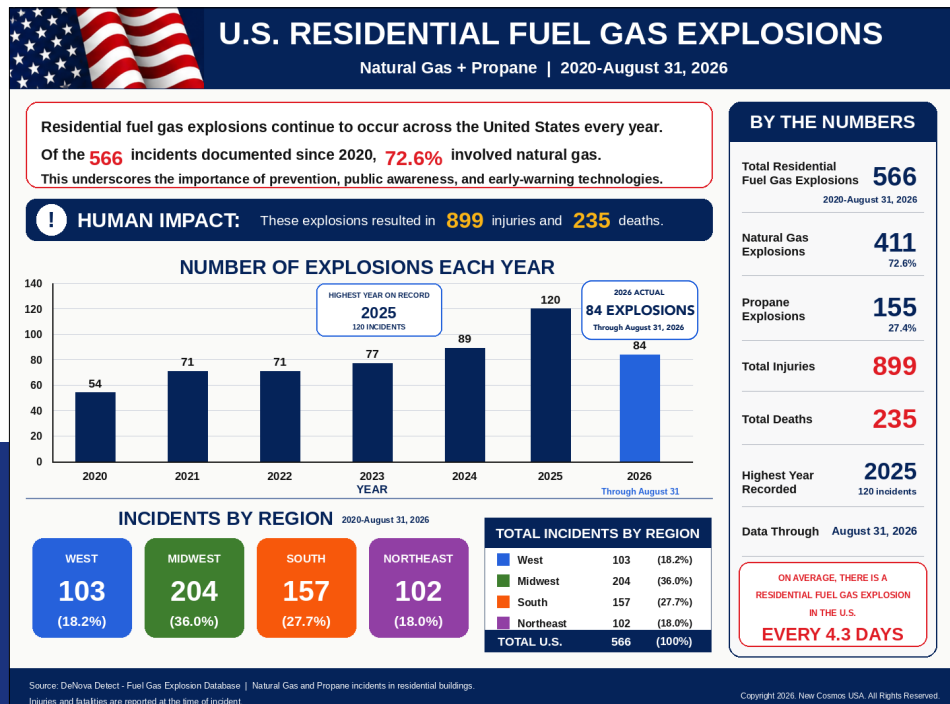


13 Residential Explosions. 32 Injuries. 12 Lives Lost.

Residential fuel-gas explosions continued at an alarming pace across the United States in August.

According to incidents tracked through August 31, 13 residential explosion incidents were recorded during the month, resulting in at least 32 reported injuries and 12 fatalities based on the initial incident data.

At 13 incidents in just 31 days, a residential fuel-gas explosion was tracked approximately once **every 2.4 days** during August.



AUGUST AT A GLANCE

- 13 Residential Explosion Incidents
- 32 Reported Injuries
- 12 Reported Fatalities
- 12 Incidents Tracked as Natural Gas
- 1 Incident Tracked as Propane

AUGUST'S HUMAN IMPACT

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

Bronx, New York | August 5 | A Five-Alarm Explosion and Fire With a Rising Human Toll

An explosion ripped through an apartment building on East 209th Street in the Bronx, blowing doors from their hinges, damaging portions of the structure and triggering a five-alarm fire.

Initial reports indicated one death and 14 injuries. In the days following the explosion, however, additional victims were discovered in the building. By August 8, officials confirmed that three people had died. Twelve people were reported injured in the subsequent update.

Hundreds of firefighters and EMS personnel responded, and the structural instability eventually forced firefighters from portions of the building. The cause remained under investigation.

Read the coverage:

CBS New York - 3rd body found in Bronx apartment building days after deadly explosion, fire

<https://www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/bronx-apartment-building-explosion-fire-3rd-victim/>

Wausaukee, Wisconsin | August 7 | An Elderly Couple Killed in Their Home

Two residents, ages 81 and 79, were killed following an explosion and fire at their home in the Town of Wausaukee.

Emergency crews arrived to find the residence already engulfed in flames. After the fire was extinguished, authorities recovered the bodies of both residents.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice State Fire Marshal's Office, Marinette County Sheriff's Office and Marinette

County Medical Examiner's Office are investigating the incident.

Read the coverage:

TV6 News Team - House explosion, fire kills two in Wausaukee area

<https://www.uppermichiganssource.com/2026/08/11/2-dead-following-residential-explosion-wisconsin/>

Portsmouth, Ohio | August 16

Natural Gas Leak Confirmed Following Explosion

Two people suffered critical injuries after an explosion and fire heavily damaged a Portsmouth home.

Firefighters reported damage consistent with an explosion and quickly extinguished fires in multiple rooms.

Importantly, officials confirmed that a natural gas leak occurred at the property, although investigators had not yet determined what caused the explosion or the source of the leak.

The Ohio State Fire Marshal's Fire and Explosion Investigations Bureau and Public Utilities Commission of Ohio are among the agencies investigating.

Read the coverage:

WSAZ — House fire under investigation after two people injured

<https://www.wsaz.com/2026/08/17/house-fire-under-investigation-after-two-people-injured/>



House fire under investigation after two people injured (Portsmouth Fire Department)

Annapolis, Maryland | August 20 | One Killed; Propane Investigated as Possible Cause

A woman was killed and a man critically burned when an explosion destroyed a home outside Annapolis.

Firefighters arrived to find the house blown apart, with debris scattered throughout the surrounding area.

Investigators located an above-ground propane tank at the property and reported that it had been filled approximately an hour before the explosion. Fire officials are investigating whether propane played a role in the blast.

Read the coverage:

Anne Arundel County - Woman dies, man badly burned in explosion that levels house near Annapolis

<https://www.aacounty.org/fire-department/fire-department-press-releases/fire-investigators-determine-cause-green-holly>



The Anne Arundel County Fire Department responded to an apparent explosion at a home in the Annapolis area. (Ulysses Muñoz/The Banner)

A SAFETY RISK THAT DESERVES GREATER ATTENTION

These explosions occur in communities large and small.

They happen in single-family homes, multifamily residences and manufactured housing. Some involve confirmed natural gas or propane leaks. In others, investigators may spend weeks or months determining the exact origin and cause.

What they share is the potential for catastrophic consequences when combustible gas accumulates inside or around a home.

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms have become expected components of residential safety.

Combustible gas detection remains far less understood.

The continuing frequency and severity of residential fuel-gas explosions reinforce the need for broader public education about gas-leak prevention, recognition and early warning.

Gas safety begins with awareness, but awareness must happen before an emergency.

ABOUT THE DATA

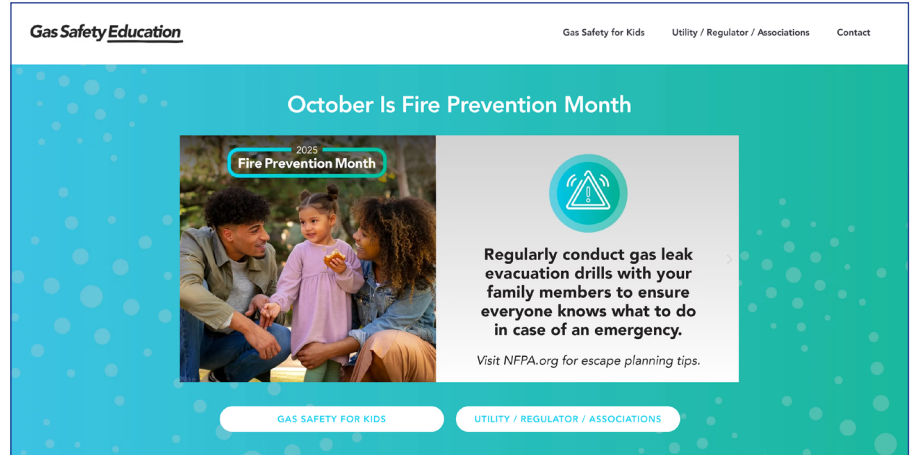
This bulletin reflects publicly reported residential explosion incidents tracked through August 31, 2026. Incident classification is based on information available at the time an event is entered into the database.

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.

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



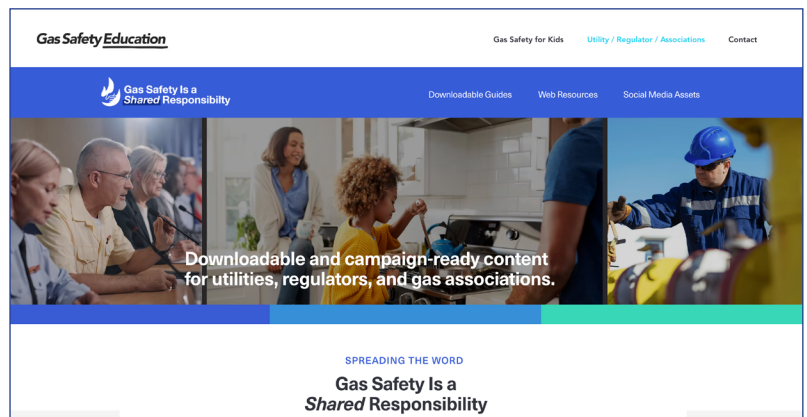
Children's Gas Safety Education Website:

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