

Natural Gas Safety

Natural gas is widely used for heating, cooking, and hot water. While it's generally safe, dangerous leaks can happen. In the United States, there have been over 400 explosions since 2020. On average, an explosion happens every 3-4 days.

Natural gas is:

Invisible.

You can't see natural gas.

Often Odorless.

The "rotten egg" smell can fade over time or be masked by other odors.

An Invisible Danger.

Just a small leak can lead to an explosion if ignited.

Many people think their smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm will warn them of a gas leak. They won't.

- Smoke alarms detect fire.
- Carbon monoxide alarms detect CO gas.
- Only natural gas alarms detect methane, the main ingredient in natural gas.



Why Natural Gas Alarms Matter

Natural gas alarms provide early warning before a leak turns into a disaster.

- Detect leaks before you can smell them.
- Alert you so you can evacuate safely.
- Give first responders precious time to prevent an explosion.

Safety Tips

- Install a natural gas alarm in rooms where gas appliances are used.
- Know the signs of a gas leak: smell of sulfur/rotten eggs, hissing sounds, dying plants near gas lines.
- Act fast if an alarm sounds. Leave the building, then call 911 or your utility from a safe location.