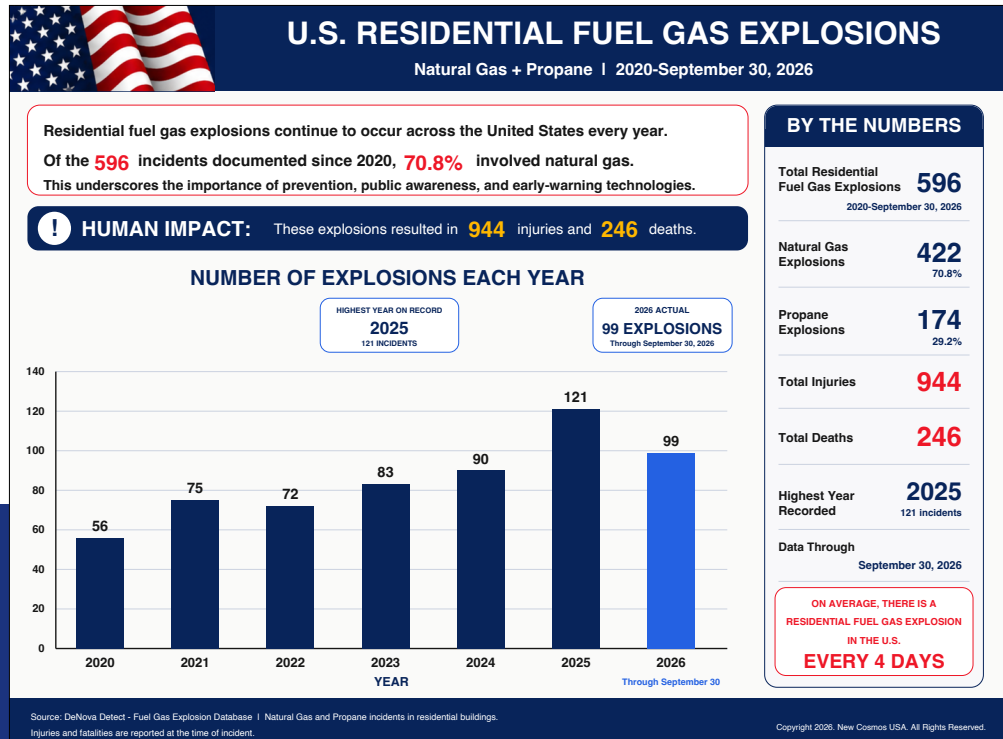


13 Residential Explosions. 8 Injuries. 6 Lives Lost.

September saw continued residential fuel-gas explosion incidents across the United States. By the end of the month, 13 residential explosions had been tracked, with initial reports documenting at least 8 injuries and 6 fatalities.

At 13 incidents in just 30 days, a residential fuel-gas explosion was tracked approximately once **every 2.3 days** during September.



SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

- 13 Residential Explosion Incidents
- 8 Reported Injuries
- 6 Reported Fatalities
- 6 Incidents Tracked as Natural Gas
- 7 Incidents Tracked as Propane

SEPTEMBER'S HUMAN IMPACT

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

Monongah, West Virginia | September 7 | Homeowner Severely Burned in House Explosion

A home in Monongah was destroyed by an explosion on September 7, sending debris as far as 30 feet from the residence and severely injuring the homeowner.

The blast threw him several feet backward. Although he suffered no broken bones, he sustained severe burns and was transported to Pittsburgh for treatment. One pet also died in the blast.

The West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office continues to investigate the cause of the explosion.

Read the coverage:

WDTV – Family details brother's recovery & damage after Monongah house explosion

<https://www.wdtv.com/2026/09/08/family-details-recovery-damage-after-monongah-house-explosion/>



Moro, Illinois | September 12 | Homeowner and Pet Killed in Home Explosion

One person and a pet were killed after an explosion leveled a home in Illinois. Two neighboring homes were also badly damaged.

Emergency crews encountered multiple structure fires, heavy debris, downed power lines, and a burning gas line. The cause of the explosion remains under investigation as officials work to determine what led to the blast.

Read the coverage:

Fire Engineering – One Dead After IL Home Explosion

<https://www.fireengineering.com/fire-safety/one-dead-after-il-home-explosion/>



Cleveland, Ohio | September 23 | Explosion Levels Vacant Home

A vacant home was destroyed by an early-morning explosion and fire. Firefighters arrived to find the walls blown out and the roof collapsed. Neighboring homes also sustained exterior damage, but no injuries were reported.

Crews brought the fire under control, and the incident caused an estimated \$200,000 in damage. The cause of the explosion remains under investigation as Cleveland Fire continues working to determine what led to the blast.

Read the coverage:

Cleveland.com – Explosion levels vacant house on Cleveland's East Side, prompting investigation

<https://www.cleveland.com/crime/2026/09/explosion-levels-vacant-house-on-clevelands-east-side-prompting-investigation.html>



Hazel Green, Alabama | September 25 | Elderly Couple Killed in Home Explosion

A husband and wife, both 78, were killed after an early-morning explosion destroyed their home.

Emergency crews were called around 4:45 a.m., and neighbors reported a powerful boom that shook nearby homes and knocked items from walls.

Madison County Sheriff's Office detectives, Crime Scene Investigators, and the State Fire Marshal responded to the scene. An investigation into the cause of the explosion remains ongoing, with officials continuing to examine the circumstances surrounding the blast.

Read the coverage:

WAFF 48 – Couple, both aged 78, killed in Hazel Green house explosion

<https://www.waff.com/2026/09/25/couple-both-aged-78-killed-hazel-green-house-explosion/>



ABOUT THE DATA

This bulletin reflects publicly reported residential explosion incidents tracked through September 30, 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.

National Natural Gas Safety Awareness Week: 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.

Safety Starts With Awareness

Throughout the week, participating organizations are encouraged to reinforce several fundamental safety messages:

- **Know the signs of a natural gas leak.** Consumers should understand what natural gas may smell, sound or look like when a leak occurs.
- **Stop, leave and call.** If a leak is suspected, leave the area immediately and contact the appropriate emergency or utility number from a safe location.
- **Understand your alarms.** Carbon monoxide alarms serve an essential safety function, but they do not detect natural gas. Natural gas requires a specifically designed detection strategy.
- **Consider early detection.** Properly installed natural gas alarms can provide an additional layer of protection by alerting occupants to the presence of natural gas.
- **Call before you dig.** Damage to underground utility lines remains a preventable safety risk.
- **Share what you know.** A conversation with a neighbor, customer, employee or family member can help extend safety awareness throughout a community.



NATIONAL NATURAL GAS SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

More than 75 million U.S. households use natural gas for at least one appliance, yet many consumers have limited knowledge about how to recognize a natural gas leak, what to do during an emergency, or the difference between carbon monoxide and natural gas detection. National Natural Gas Safety Awareness Week is designed to help close that awareness gap through education, preparedness and prevention.



Everyone Can Participate

Natural gas safety isn't solely the responsibility of utilities or emergency responders. Contractors can educate homeowners. Retailers can provide safety information at the point of purchase. Community organizations can share educational materials. Employers can communicate with employees. And families can take a few minutes to review what everyone in the household should do if they suspect a gas leak.

Organizations can also become **Safety Advocates**, access campaign resources and social materials, and use Awareness Week as an opportunity to engage their customers and communities. The campaign is intended to bring many different organizations together around consistent, practical natural gas safety education.

One week of awareness can help create habits that protect families all year long.

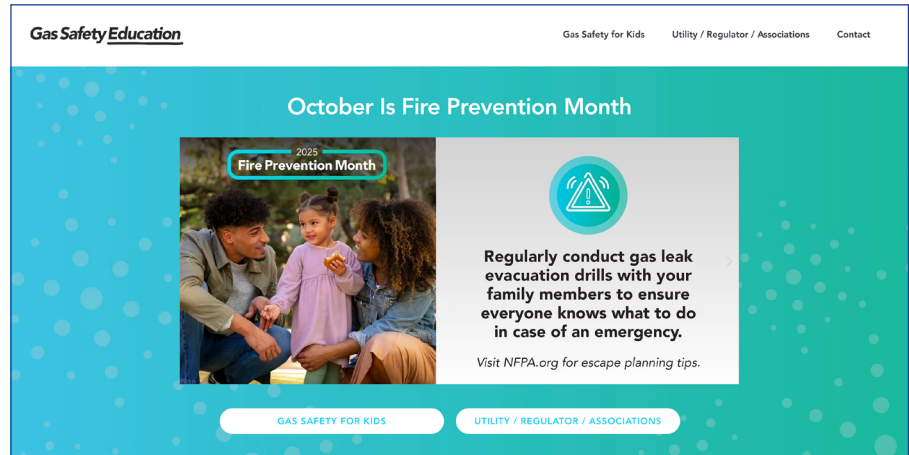
Together, we can make natural gas safety a conversation happening in every home and community.

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

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



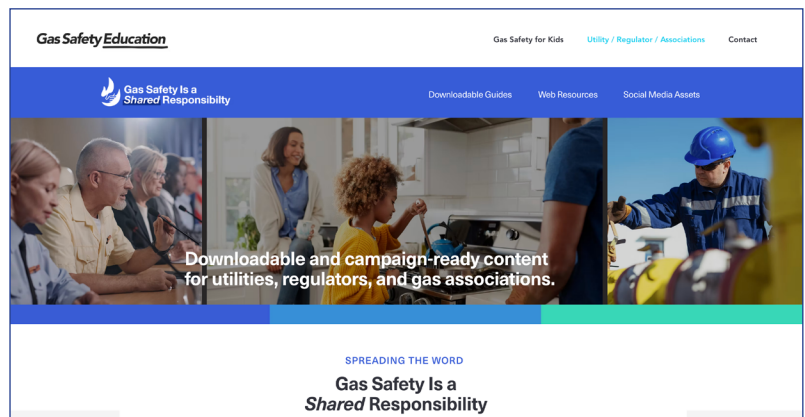
Children's Gas Safety Education Website:

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