

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR NATURAL GAS SAFETY

Working together to prevent natural gas tragedies before they happen.

Concerned Citizens of Natural Gas Safety is a national coalition of residents, community leaders, and safety advocates dedicated to preventing avoidable disasters caused by natural gas leaks and explosions. Our mission is to raise awareness, advance education, and advocate for stronger safety practices that protect families, tenants, and communities.

Learn more at www.preventnaturalgasdisasters.com.

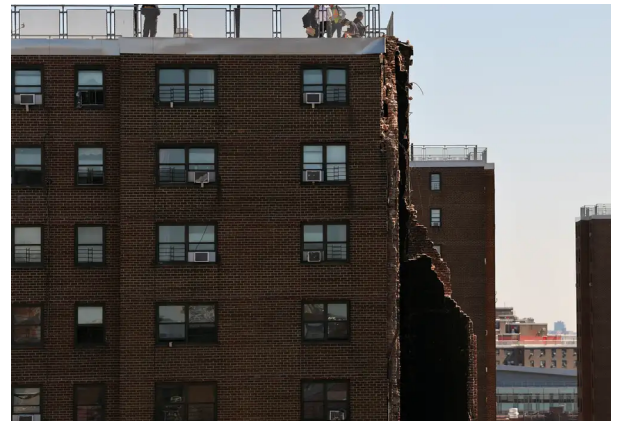
Bronx Gas Collapse: A Wake-Up Call for NYC Landlords

On October 1, 2025, a public housing complex in the Bronx partially collapsed after tenants reported smelling gas for days. According to reporting by the *Gothamist*, warning signs were ignored until it was too late.

This tragedy should serve as a warning to every NYC landlord and property owner: delaying compliance with NYC Local Law 157 does not delay the threat of disaster. The law requires natural gas detectors in residential buildings, and the Bronx collapse is a stark example of why.

Had natural gas alarms been installed, residents would have received life-saving alerts with clear instructions: evacuate immediately, call emergency services, and do not return until cleared. These simple steps often mean the difference between a safe evacuation and catastrophic explosion.

Local Law 157 compliance is not just about avoiding fines – it's about protecting lives, property, and your reputation. The Bronx incident is proof that waiting to act comes with unacceptable risks to life, property and also liability.



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<https://gothamist.com/news/definitely-were-warning-signs-gas-smell-preceded-bronx-nycha-collapse-tenants-say>

September Combustible Fuel Incident Reports

Across the United States this past September, several combustible fuel incidents made headlines, underscoring the urgency of early detection and public awareness:

- **Houston, TX:** A residential fire linked to a gas line leak injured three residents and forced evacuation of surrounding homes.
- **Philadelphia, PA:** Utility crews responded to a series of neighborhood calls after multiple residents reported a "gas-like" odor, highlighting the importance of community vigilance.
- A home in **Gothenburg, Nebraska**, was rocked by a gas-fed explosion on September 24 when a heating and cooling contractor failed to fully shut off the gas line during an equipment installation. The water heater ignited the leaking gas, blasting the home off its foundation and blowing out insulation.

This incident underscores the hidden danger of overlooked gas shutoffs:

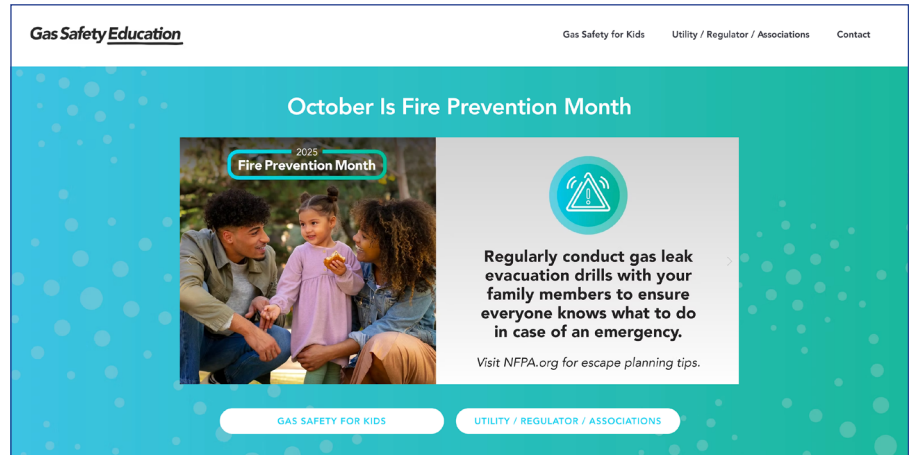
- Always confirm gas service is properly turned off before appliance repair or replacement.
- Insist contractors follow licensed safety protocols and double-check connections.
- Consider installing natural gas alarms, which provide early warning and life-saving evacuation guidance before ignition can occur.

View data on the latest Combustible Fuel incidents, or download state-by-state incident rates: www.preventnaturalgasdisasters.com

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



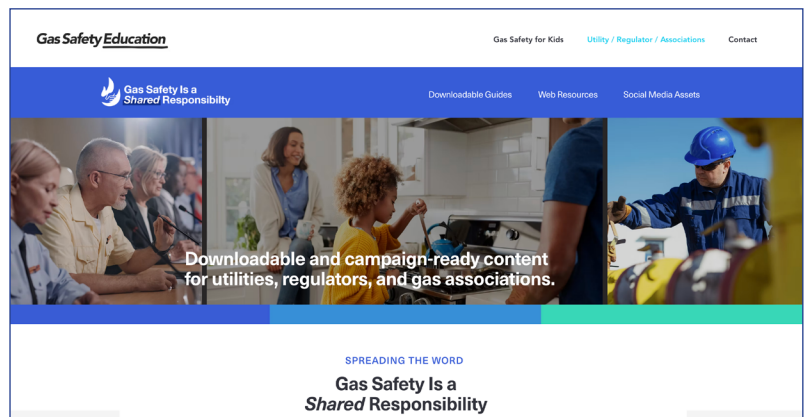
Children's Gas Safety Education Website:

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.

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