



Have your appliances regularly inspected and maintained by a licensed gas contractor



Keep meter clear of snow and ice!

What can you do to stay safe?

Keep your home and family safe with these easy tips:

- Keep your gas meter clear of snow, ice, leaves and debris, and don't enclose it.
- Keep the area around your furnace or water heater clear and free from combustibles.
- Keep your gas meter well protected from vehicles in your driveway or carport.
- Only buy gas appliances certified by trusted testing organizations such as the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- Have a licensed gas contractor install, inspect and maintain your appliances and vents regularly (in most cases, annually) to ensure they are in good condition.
- Keep your appliance manuals and read them for safe use, care and maintenance instructions.
- Have a licensed gas contractor check the gas pipes in your home for corrosion or other faults.
- Check into a carbon monoxide detector for your home. It's like a smoke detector, but sounds an alarm if too much carbon monoxide builds up in the air.

To find a registered gas contractor, learn more about having your appliances serviced or gas safety tips, visit safetyauthority.ca

Safety is in your hands

Remember, if you smell gas, act fast and get out. Keep your cool, get out of the building, leave the area and call for help.

In an emergency, call **911**, your local fire department or gas company's emergency line.

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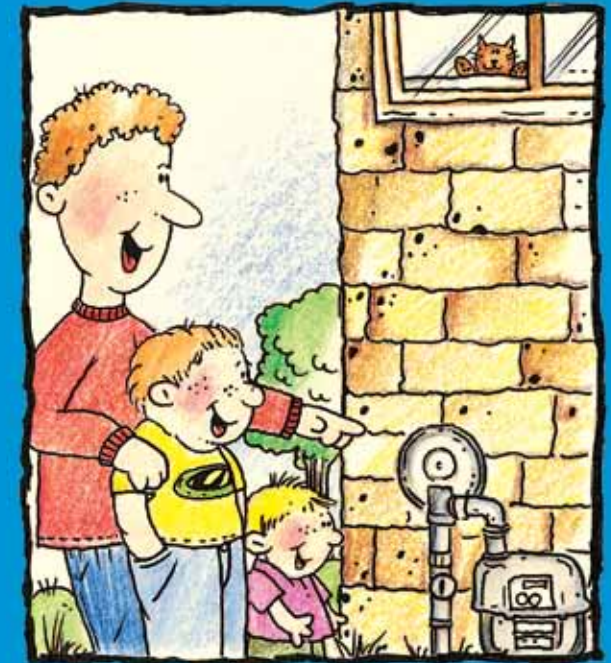


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Natural gas safety



For kids and parents

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Natural gas does a lot of things in your home

It heats water for your bath, runs your furnace and helps cook your food. It's a very safe and clean form of energy. But it's important to stay safe around natural gas equipment and know what to do in case of emergency.

Smelly for a reason

Before natural gas is piped to your house, a chemical is added to make it stink like sulphur or rotten eggs. Why? Natural gas is naturally odour-free, so this smell will alert you to a gas leak. But if your home's pipes, meter and appliances are working properly, you won't smell a thing.



What does leaking gas smell like?



Smell gas... Act fast!

Smell gas? Act fast! Get out.

If you suddenly smell sulphur or rotten eggs or hear a hissing sound, leave the area right away and follow these steps:

1. Put out matches, fires and cigarettes. **DO NOT** touch light switches or outlets, use the phone or do anything that could create a spark.
2. Get everyone out. Leave doors and windows open as you leave.
3. Go to a safe place. Use a neighbour's phone or a cell phone to call 911, your local fire department or gas company's emergency line.
4. Stay outside until an emergency responder says it's safe to go back.



Call **BEFORE** you dig!

Always call before you dig

Pipes that carry natural gas to your house are buried in the ground. Even just hitting them with a shovel could cause a leak. So, if your family is planning to dig holes for a fence, plant trees, build a shed or playhouse, you must call BC One Call **BEFORE** you dig. It's the law!



BC One Call at 1-800-474-6886 or *6886 on a cell phone before digging. It's a free call!

What can kids do?

Kids can do many things to help their family to stay safe around natural gas:

- Let adults turn on and turn off stoves, fireplaces and barbecues.
- Don't play around or leave things near the furnace and water heater.
- Don't leave toys and bikes by the gas meter outside or tie anything to it.
- Help your parents make an emergency plan and practice it with the whole family. Know where a safe meeting place is outside the house.