



# Natural Gas Safety Tips

Review these natural gas safety tips regularly with family members and coworkers.



## Use your nose

If you ever detect even a small amount of the odor of natural gas in the air, get away. Then, contact your natural gas provider. If you don't know that number, dial emergency services, 9-1-1.

## The Blue Flame

Look for the blue flame. If pilot lights and burners have a steady, blue flame, they are operating correctly. (Decorative gas fire logs are the only exception. Their flame is usually yellow.)

## Leave it to the pros

Have all gas appliances, furnaces, vents, flues, chimneys and gas lines in your home or business inspected every year or two by qualified industry professionals. Don't install gas appliances yourself, unless you are a qualified contractor.

## Follow Safe-Use Guidelines

Keep the areas around all appliances and equipment clean and unblocked to allow for proper air flow. Follow manufacturer instructions for the care and use of gas appliances and equipment. Never use your stove or oven for anything other than cooking (for instance, to heat your home).

## Keep a Fire Extinguisher

Make sure there is at least one multipurpose fire extinguisher in your home or place of business.

## Careful with kids

Don't ever let small children play with or near natural gas appliances or pipes, even the knobs on the oven or cooktop.

## Proper use of space heaters

Make sure your space heater is vented properly. If using a vent-free heater, make sure the automatic cut-off switch is operational.

## Combustibles and chemicals

Don't store household chemicals or combustible materials near gas appliances.

## SOURCES

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