

**Portrait of a disaster**  
**From The ABSA web site.**

**A Safety Training Video**

In January 1992, a normal day at an elementary school turned into disaster when an explosion in the cafeteria killed seven children.

Several others were critically injured.

The culprit: A COMMON WATER HEATER! The same kind we probably use in our homes, apartments, churches, community centers, hospitals, offices and schools.

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**WHAT WENT WRONG?**

The tragic accident at Star Elementary School, and the events that led up to it, have been reenacted in a safety/training video. In "PORTRAIT OF A DISASTER" you'll see the disastrous result of short-cuts gone awry:

- improper drainage
- poorly maintained temperature and pressure controls
- altered temperature-pressure relief valve
- inexperienced repair workers
- no regular inspection
- replacement parts stored improperly

When these factors combined at Star Elementary, people died.

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**A DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN**

It CAN happen where YOU live!

Alberta Boilers Safety Association Inspectors often see the same types of hazards:

- drain valves capped off
- altered safety relief valve discharge lines
- blocked air supply vents
- missing or improperly installed safety valves

**AND MORE**

"PORTRAIT OF A DISASTER" is an essential safety and training tool for anyone who maintains, inspects or operates water heaters:

- maintenance personnel
- inspectors
- plumbers, gasfitters

- trades instructors

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