



## What to do if you smell gas in your house

Gas leaks can be dangerous and potentially life-threatening, so it is important to know what to do if you smell gas in your house. Here are some steps you should follow:

- \*\*Don't turn electrical appliances off or on\*\*. This could create a spark that could ignite the gas and cause a fire or explosion. Avoid using any switches, phones, computers, or anything that could generate electricity.
- \*\*Ventilate the property\*\*. Open all the windows and doors to let fresh air in and gas out. This will help reduce the concentration of gas and lower the risk of fire or explosion.
- \*\*Turn gas off at the meter\*\*. If you know where your gas meter is and how to turn it off, do so carefully. This will stop the flow of gas into your house and prevent further leakage.
- \*\*Evacuate\*\*. Leave your house immediately and get to a safe distance away from the property. Do not go back inside until it is safe to do so.

  Take your pets with you if possible.
- \*\*Call for professional help\*\*. Call 911 to notify the police and fire officials while keeping others away from your house. You then need to call your gas company and let them know that you smell gas in your house. They will send a technician to inspect and repair the leak as soon as possible.
- \*\*Tell your neighbors\*\*. If you live in an apartment building or a shared house, you should alert your neighbors about the gas leak and ask them to evacuate as well. Gas can travel through pipes and walls and affect other units or rooms.
- \*\*Wait for the all clear\*\*. Do not re-enter your house until the gas company or the fire department tells you that it is safe to do so. They will check for any remaining gas and make sure that your appliances and systems are working properly.