

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR PARK RESIDENTS

IF YOU EVER SMELL GAS, CALL THE MOREHEAD PARK OFFICE AT 835-1455 OR AFTER HOURS 601-2163.

Natural gas is odorless in its natural state. PG&E adds a disagreeable smell to the gas to let you know that gas is escaping.

Gas leakage may occur from faulty appliances, loose connections, service lines or outside of your home, or from gas mains. Leak can be dangerous and should be dealt with by experts. If you smell gas, even if it is not coming from your home, take precautions promptly.

- 1- call the office
- 2- if the odor is strong and you are indoors – go outside
- 3- do not turn electrical switches on or off
- 4- do not light matches, smoke or create any other source of combustion.

However slim the chances of danger are, don't take needless risks. Play it safe...if you smell gas, call us.

What is Natural Gas?

Natural gas is non-toxic, colorless fuel, and 1/3 lighter than air. Gas burns, but only when mixed with air in the right proportions and ignited by a spark or flame. In its purified state, gas has no smell. For your protection, a distinctive odor has been added so that you can detect the slightest leak.

How safe is Natural Gas?

1. Whenever gas leaks from a pipe or pipe fitting, there is a possibility of a fire or explosion.
2. If leaking gas accumulates in a confined space, it can displace air and cause suffocation.

3. If a gas appliance is not working properly, incomplete combustion can produce carbon dioxide and other toxic gases.
4. A pilot light or gas burner can ignite combustible materials and flammable vapors, such as gasoline, paint thinner or aerosols.

HOW CAN YOU PREVENT GAS EMERGENCIES?

1. Keep all appliances cleaned, properly vented and serviced.
2. Make sure everyone in your household knows how to operate gas appliances and shut off valves.
3. Don't use an open gas oven for heating your house or drying clothes.
4. Don't use or store gasoline, aerosols or other products with flammable vapors near gas appliances.
5. Whenever changing your furnace filter, be sure to close the compartment door securely.
6. Never cover a fresh air vent that supplies air to your gas appliance.
7. Have all gas line alterations and appliance repairs done by professionals.
8. Before digging in your yard, contact the Office. We have underground gas and electric lines.
9. KEEP a list of important phone numbers (police, fire, etc). Call 911 in the event of an emergency