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# **SIGNS OF A GAS LEAK**

(always follow your nose)

**Natural gas has a rotten-egg smell: The gas is naturally odorless. A chemical (mercaptan) is added to the gas to smell bad. That way, you can detect leaks.**

**A gas leak is dangerous:**

**Make sure all family members know what to do if they smell gas.**

- **Do not light matches**
- **Do not turn lights on or off**
- **Do not use the telephone**
- **If possible, notify everyone in the building to leave immediately**
- **Call the gas company, the fire department or public safety from a nearby building**
- **Do not reenter your home until the gas company has told you it's safe to do so**