Gas leaks can create fires and explosions. Know how to recognize a gas leak and what to do if you suspect a leak.

• Know the signs of a gas leak. Natural gas smells like rotten eggs. If there’s a gas leak, you might smell it, see a white cloud or mist, or hear a hissing or whistling sound.

• Leave immediately. If you smell gas, get everyone out of the location immediately. If you are outside, leave the area immediately.

• Call for help. When you are safely away from the area, call 911, Con Edison (1-800-75-CONED), or National Grid (1-718-643-4050).

• Know what NOT to do. If you smell gas, do not light a match, smoke, ring a doorbell, start your car, use your phone, or turn lights, appliances, or electronics on or off (including flashlights). These things could spark an explosion.

• Do not assume. If you smell gas in your home or neighborhood, report it. Do not assume that someone else has already called for help. You can report leaks anonymously if you prefer.