

Immediately Report Any Suspected Gas Leaks or Odors ...

Natural gas is **colorless**, **tasteless** and **odorless**. The gas company adds an odorant (usually a mercaptan compound) to the gas which gives it a 'rotten-egg' odor so that the customer can detect if a possible gas leak exists. A person with a 'normal sense of smell' will be able to detect a very small gas leak before it can reach a level that may become hazardous. However, the elderly, smokers, persons who are ill and others may not be able to detect odors at the same level. Friends and relatives should be relied upon if they detect an odor in the home or business.



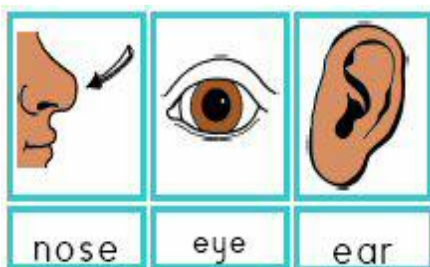
If Someone Smells a Strong Odor of Gas Inside the Home or Business...

1. Do not switch anything electric on or off, strike a match, or do anything that may cause a spark.
2. Do not use your telephone to report a leak because telephones use small amounts of electricity which could ignite the gas.
3. Have everyone leave the house immediately. Leave the doors open for ventilation.
4. Go to a neighbors telephone and call the Morton Utility Office and wait until the Gas Dept. says it is safe to return to your home.

***Remember ... Anytime you suspect a Gas Leak or Odor
in your home or business -- Call us immediately at:***

266-5361 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)
(Including Holidays)

Use All of Your Senses...



Gas Leaks may also be detected by...

- ***Hearing...*** A gas leak may make a hissing sound.
- ***Sight...*** Near a gas leak, you might see blowing dirt, or bubbling in standing water or an unusual area of dead vegetation.

Talk to your family about Gas Safety...

- ✓ How to recognize the odor of gas
- ✓ Who to contact if parents are not at home
 - ✓ Escape routes in the home
 - ✓ Dangers of Carbon Monoxide
- ✓ What to do if a smoke, gas or CO detector sounds an alarm. (CALL 911)