

**Scratch  
and  
Sniff**

# The Smell of **NATURAL GAS**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY ADDS A DISTINCTIVE ODOR\* TO NATURAL GAS TO HELP ALERT YOU TO A GAS LEAK. IF YOU SMELL NATURAL GAS, SIMILAR TO THE ODOR IN THE "SCRATCH AND SNIFF" AREA ABOVE, THERE MAY BE A GAS LEAK.**

If you suspect a leak:

- 1 REMAIN** calm.
- 2 DON'T** light a match, candle or cigarette.
- 3 DON'T** turn electrical appliances or lights on or off or use any device that can cause a spark.
- 4 IMMEDIATELY** evacuate the area and **CALL** Southern California Gas Company at **1-800-427-2200** from a safe location 24-hours a day, seven days a week; or call **911**.

\* Some people may not be able to smell the odor because they have a diminished sense of smell, olfactory fatigue (normal, temporary inability to distinguish an odor after a prolonged exposure to it) or because the odor is being masked or hidden by other odors that are present, such as cooking, damp, musty or chemical odors. In addition, certain conditions in pipe and soil can cause odor fade – the loss of odorant so that it is not detectable by smell.



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