

## Lighting Pilot Lights

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### Spend a Few Moments for Your Family's Safety

This module provides basic information about pilot lights and your propane system. Following these instructions will help ensure the safety of you and your family.





## What is a Pilot Light?

- Many propane appliances may have a pilot light—a small, constantly burning flame inside the appliance.
- Appliances without a pilot light often have electronic ignition instead.
- If your appliance has a pilot light, it is an important safety feature. The pilot light ignites the main burner when needed.



### When a Pilot Light Goes Out

A pilot light that repeatedly goes out—or is very difficult to light—may be signaling that there is a problem with the appliance or with your propane system.

If this occurs, **DO NOT** try to fix the problem yourself. Contact a qualified service technician to evaluate the appliance. Accidents and serious injuries can occur when customers attempt to fix a pilot light problem on their own.

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT A QUALIFIED SERVICE TECHNICIAN LIGHT ANY PILOT LIGHT THAT HAS GONE OUT.**



## When a Pilot Light Goes Out

- If you light a pilot light yourself, you are taking the risk of starting a fire or an explosion.
- Many serious injuries occur when people attempt to light pilot lights.
- Proceed with great caution and be sure to follow these rules...

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- Carefully follow all of the manufacturer's instructions and warnings concerning the appliance.
- If the appliance is in a basement or closed room, thoroughly ventilate the area before lighting the pilot.
- Be especially alert for the smell of propane. Sniff at floor level before lighting a pilot.
- IF YOU SMELL GAS, DO NOT LIGHT THE PILOT LIGHT.**

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**DO NOT** smoke or have any source of ignition (such as flames or spark-producing materials) in the area before lighting the pilot.

**DO NOT** allow any extra or unnecessary people (especially children) to remain in the room or area of the building where you are lighting a pilot.

**DO NOT** try to light pilot lights in any area where other odors may make it difficult for you to detect the smell of a propane leak.

**DO NOT** light the pilot if a musty or damp smell persists. These conditions can mask the smell of propane.

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**DO NOT** apply force or use tools on the pilot light or its control. This could cause damage that leads to gas leakage. Use only your hands to operate knobs, switches, or buttons.

**DO NOT** attempt to let air out of gas lines by opening a valve or fitting inside a building or enclosed space. You may release gas and not be able to smell it.

**DO NOT** apply oil to a sticky knob or button on a gas control valve. Oil can cause the control valve mechanism to stick and malfunction.

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If you smell gas, at any time, inside or outside your home:



**1. NO FLAMES OR SPARKS!** Immediately put out all smoking materials and other open flames. Do not operate lights, appliances, telephones, or cell phones. Flames or sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or a fire.



**2. LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY!** Get everyone out of the building or area where you suspect gas is leaking.



**3. SHUT OFF THE GAS.** Turn off the main gas supply valve on your propane tank, if it is safe to do so. To close the valve, turn it to the right (clockwise).

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**4. REPORT THE LEAK.** From a neighbor's home or other building away from the gas leak, call your propane retailer right away. If you can't reach your propane retailer, call 911 or your local fire department.



**5. DO NOT RETURN TO THE BUILDING OR AREA** until your propane retailer, emergency responder, or a qualified service technician determines that it is safe to do so.



**6. GET YOUR SYSTEM CHECKED.** Before you attempt to use any of your propane appliances, your propane retailer or a qualified service technician must check your entire system to ensure that it is leak-free.

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### Make Time for Safety

Thank you for making time for propane safety. To learn more, download our brochure 'Propane Safety for You and Your Family' or visit: [usepropane.com](http://usepropane.com)

