

# NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

## NATURAL GAS SAFETY

Natural gas is a very safe energy. Like any form of energy, though, it must be handled responsibly. NKU is known as a Master Meter Operator, and has many valves, regulators and pressure stations on campus. Before you perform an activity which may impact any of the service components, please call the Operations and Maintenance at 859-572-5660.

### **If You Smell Gas...Act Quickly!**

Natural gas smells like rotten eggs. An odorant called “mercaptan” is added to the odorless gas for safety purposes. It can deaden your sense of smell, so don’t rely upon your smell to say an area is safe. Never return until a NKU official has given an all-clear.

If you smell a gas leak:

- Do not use any devices that might create a spark, such as light switches, cell phones, flashlights, or electric appliances, including computers. Don't smoke or strike any matches. A spark or open flame could ignite the gas.
- Immediately have everyone leave the area and if necessary, have occupants exit the building.
- Go to a remote phone and call NKU Police at 911 or (859) 572-7777 to report the odor.
- Don't try to locate the gas leak yourself.
- Keep everyone away from the area of the odor.

### **REMEMBER-Never try to find the leak yourself!!!**

<b>To Report a Gas Leak at NKU call:</b>	
NKU Police at 911	(859) 572-7777
O&M Work Control	(859) 572-5660 (during normal business hours)
O&M Power Plant	(859) 572-5548 (after hours, weekends and holidays)

For additional Information, contact NKU Operations & Maintenance at (859) 572-6107.