

Stick to Safety

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Dear Safety Coordinators,

Let's start this school year with a focus on electrical and natural gas safety. Is your school prepared in the event of a natural gas leak? Are your playgrounds safe from electrical equipment hazards? Do teachers follow safe electrical practices in their classrooms? Safety is a priority for us - every day - and we thank you for taking it seriously.

In an effort to help you with safety coordination, we have included a Coordinator Watch section that outlines what to watch out for in the classroom and at school during the fall and winter seasons. To help keep kids safe, we have included a safety coloring sheet on the back with safety rules. Additionally, we have a kid friendly Stick to Safety Web site at www.we-energies.com/educators under Safety Spotlight.

Please share this interactive site with your school and students, and feel free to photocopy and distribute the Stick to Safety newsletter to teachers, faculty members, parents and students. The messages of safety are a great way to start the school year.

Thank you for keeping students safe around electricity and natural gas.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Haas
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Safety Spotlight



Reserve your free Follow the Rules Safety Kit under *Safety Spotlight* at www.we-energies.com/educators today for October, Energy Awareness Month, or May, National Safety Month. This kit includes a K-5 teacher's guide with lesson plans and activities, a classroom poster, student rulers and safety certificates.

Explore our *Safety Spotlight* page

www.we-energies.com/educators



Coordinator Watch

This winter, watch out for unsafe behaviors at school, such as overloading outlets or playing near electrical equipment. Also, listen for unsafe behaviors at home, such as using candles or appliances to heat homes. And finally, make sure your school has an emergency exit plan in case of a natural gas leak. To help, here is a checklist of things that will keep your school and students safe.

- ✓ Keep mittens, hats and scarves away from heaters.
- ✓ Make sure outlets are not overloaded.
- ✓ Inspect fire detectors for damage, malfunction or tampering. Replace batteries.
- ✓ Ensure papers, cloth and flammable liquids are away from heating and furnace sources.
- ✓ Keep electrical appliances away from water. Water and electricity don't mix.
- ✓ Replace defective cords. Don't use cords that are frayed or cracked.
- ✓ Make sure electrical cords aren't underneath carpets, furniture or wherever a vacuum could run over them.
- ✓ Check that appliances and equipment don't have any live parts exposed to contact from teachers or students.
- ✓ Keep students from playing with outlets. Outlets are for plugs only.
- ✓ Ensure that all electrical and natural gas equipment on and around the playground is properly labeled and secured with fencing or locks to keep students a safe distance away.
- ✓ Have a documented and approved natural gas leak emergency plan. Update regularly, communicate and train appropriate personnel.

Power outage hotline: 800-662-4PWR (4797)

Natural gas leak and emergency: 800-261-LEAK (5325)

Medical or fire emergency: 9-1-1 or your local medical or fire dispatcher

Customer service: 800-242-9137

Your safety is our priority.
Thank you for sticking to safety.
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Play it safe and follow the rules.



Stay away from power lines.



Mr. Ouch means danger.



Natural gas smells like rotten eggs.



Outlets are for plugs.

Whenever you are outside, play it safe by following electricity and natural gas safety rules. Photocopy this page and have students color it and match each rule to the correct area in the picture.



Follow the Rules!

1. Stay away from power lines.

Before you climb a tree or fly a kite, look up and stay away from all lines.

2. Mr. Ouch means danger.

When you see Mr. Ouch on electrical equipment, don't touch. He means danger.

3. Natural gas smells like rotten eggs.

If you smell this stinky smell in your home, tell an adult immediately. If no adult is present, get everyone out of the house and tell a trusted adult to call We Energies for help.

4. Outlets are for plugs.

Never stick your finger, metal or anything other than a plug into an outlet.



Safety Education Resources for Your School

We Energies offers a variety of free energy education resources. Visit www.we-energies.com/educators to request your materials today.

