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The appliance connectors in your home could be dangerous

Important information from the Consumer Product Safety Commission

Certain older gas connectors may be dangerous



If you suspect a gas leak in your home and smell a strong, persistent natural gas odor or hear gas leaking:

- 1) Leave the house immediately, opening doors and windows as you leave.
- 2) Do not use your telephone or appliances, light a match, or turn light switches on or off. Sparks could ignite natural gas.
- 3) Call Nicor Gas (1 888 Nicor4u) from a neighbor's house. Remain there until emergency personnel arrive.

Gas connectors are corrugated metal tubes used to connect gas appliances in your home to fuel gas supply pipes. Some older brass connectors have come apart, causing fires and explosions.

These older brass connectors have a serious flaw in how their tubing was joined to their end pieces. Over time, the end pieces can separate from the tubing and cause a serious gas leak, explosion, or fire. To our knowledge, these dangerous uncoated brass connectors have not been made for more than 20 years, but many of them are still in use. The older these connectors get, the greater the possibility of failure.

Although not all uncoated connectors have this flaw, it is very difficult to tell which ones do. Therefore, **any uncoated brass connector should be replaced immediately with either a new plastic-coated brass or a new stainless steel connector.** Connectors can wear out from too much moving, bending or corrosion. Connectors should always be replaced whenever the appliance is replaced or moved from its location.

Moving the appliance, even slightly, whether to clean behind it or to inspect its gas connector, can cause the complete failure of one of these older weakened connectors, possibly resulting in a deadly fire or explosion.

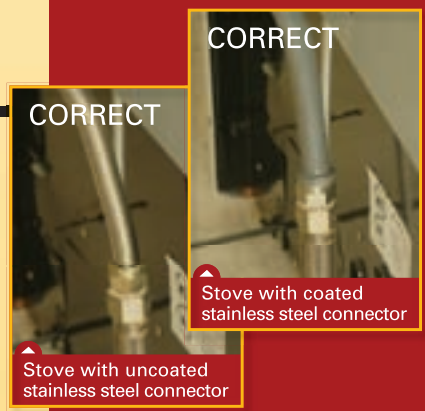
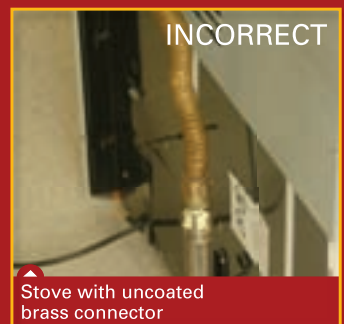
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Only a qualified professional should check your connector and replace it if needed. Do not try to do this yourself!

We emphasize that you should not attempt to check connectors yourself. They can break easily if moved even slightly, so for your safety, make sure a qualified professional performs the inspection.

The following appliances in your home may need to be inspected for uncoated brass connectors:

- Range, oven or cook top
- Dryer
- Hot water heater



To find a qualified professional who can inspect your appliance connectors:

- 1) Call a licensed, insured and bonded contractor that you've used in the past.
- 2) Look in the yellow pages for a licensed, insured and bonded contractor under the headings of:
 - Heating or Air Conditioning Contractors
 - Appliance Repair Dealers
- 3) Call Nicor Gas at **1 888 288-8110** to get a quote or schedule an inspection.

Nicor Gas recommends that you get several quotes to compare services and cost.

For more information, logon to www.nicorgas.com