



Natural Gas and Propane Gas Safety

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If You Smell Gas, It's an Emergency

If you smell a rotten egg or skunk odor with no obvious source, it could be a **natural gas leak.**

**Take action immediately
to protect yourself and others.**

What to Do in a Natural Gas Emergency

NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY: 4 CRITICAL STEPS

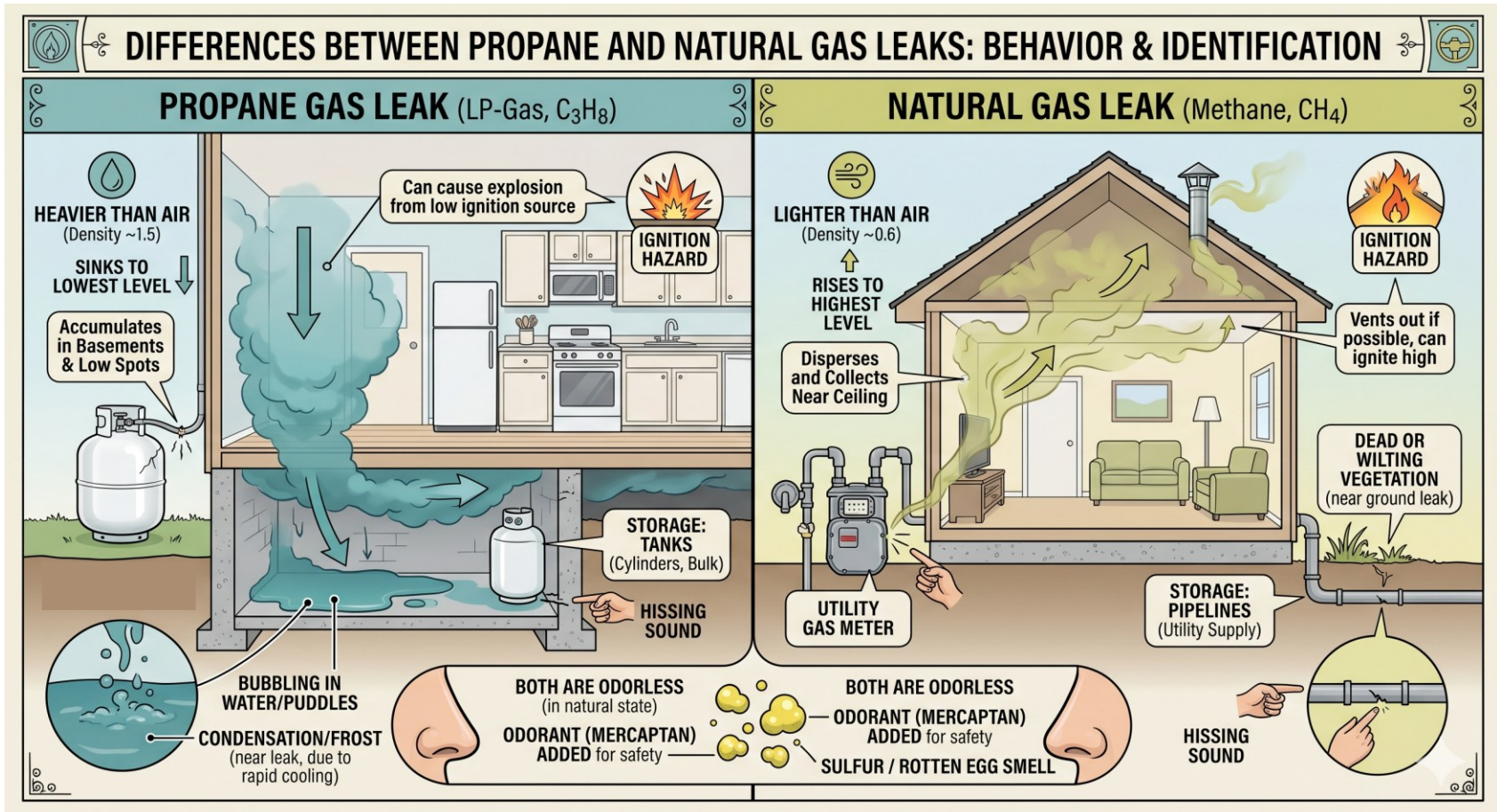


rotten egg smell

- 1. DO NOT CREATE ANY SPARK.**
 - Do not light a match or smoke.
 - Do not flip light switches or use appliances.
 - Do not start your car or garage door opener.
 - Do not use your phone inside.
- 2. LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY.**
- 3. CALL 911 FROM A SAFE LOCATION.**
- 4. CALL YOUR UTILITY COMPANY.**

KNOW THE SIGNS: ROTTEN EGG ODOR, HISSING SOUND, DEAD VEGETATION, BUBBLING WATER.

Propane Gas and Natural Gas Differences



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In Summary:

1. Do not generate a spark
2. Leave the area immediately
3. Call 911
4. Call your gas provider