

COLUMBIA GAS WORKS HAND IN HAND WITH **EMERGENCY RESPONDERS** TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

Learn more about **NATURAL GAS SAFETY**

We're proud to partner with Police, Fire and Emergency Management Officials in the communities we serve. We provide in-person training and sponsor training meetings throughout our service area so that emergency responders are prepared to respond to natural gas incidents.

To learn more about our in-person training programs, please contact us at PublicAwareness@NiSource.com or visit ColumbiaGasVA.com/EmergencyResponders.

Watch for invitations from our partner, Paradigm, for group training meetings in your area or visit their site using the QR code to the right.



IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Each day, an underground network of more than a million miles of pipelines safely and reliably carries natural gas from supply areas to homes, businesses and factories across the country. If you observe any unusual or suspicious activity near our pipeline facilities, from a safe place, call 911 and Columbia Gas at 1-800-544-5606.

Emergency Responder **GUIDELINES**

Follow these guidelines to help safeguard the public in the event of a natural gas pipeline emergency.

WHAT TO DO	WHAT NOT TO DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From a safe location, report the type (leak, rupture, fire, other) and location of the emergency to Columbia Gas at 1-800-544-5606. Secure a safety zone around the emergency site and control access. This might include evacuating people within the safety zone. Allow Columbia Gas employees access to the area and work with them to control the emergency. Be aware of wind direction and consider the potential for plumes and/or containment. Avoid ignition sources. Preserve the area for accident investigation; preserve evidence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If natural gas is not burning, avoid doing anything that could ignite it. If natural gas is burning, control secondary fires, but do not attempt to put out a pipeline fire unless directed by Columbia Gas personnel or the pipeline owner. Do not attempt to operate any pipeline valves. Do not put water on natural gas fires.

NATIONAL PIPELINE MAPPING SYSTEM

Visit the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)* website at phmsa.dot.gov for more information and to view pipeline locations using the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPSM)** public map view.

*PHMSA is the federal agency that regulates safety aspects of the natural gas industry.

**NPSM data is for reference purposes only. It should never be used as a substitute for contacting 811 prior to excavation activities.



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