



Indiana Pipeline Awareness Association

Ensuring Natural Gas Safety for Everyone

Ball State University Public Awareness Notice

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Suspect a natural gas leak?

First, move your feet!

Then call when you're down the street.

- If you, or other occupants or visitors, smell gas, **LEAVE THE PREMISES IMMEDIATELY**. Although natural gas has a limited range of flammability, you are not equipped to determine whether there has been a dangerous build-up.
- You might also SEE blowing dirt, bubbling water or an unusual area of dead vegetation. A leaking natural gas pipeline might also make a hissing sound you can HEAR.
- In its pure state, natural gas has no odor. That's why Vectren adds a chemical with a very distinctive odor that will be immediately noticed in case of a leak. It smells pretty bad (like rotten eggs).

Who do I call if I suspect a leak (after relocating from the area!)?

- Call Vectren at **1-800-777-2060**
- Call University Police at **285-1111 or 911**
- Call **Ball State University Work Control at 285-5081**

Even though natural gas is a safe and efficient source of energy, these are safety issues of which you should be aware.

This notice is required by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission twice a year to residents or users of the natural gas supply that serves those structures at the Anthony Apartments which are served by exterior community gas service meters and regulators. Vectren provides the gas service through underground utility piping to this location, which is then distributed to these Apartments by Ball State University. The University ensures the reliability of the gas distribution system within their care through a *Gas Operator Qualification Program* to ensure the safety and reliability of the gas service by qualified personnel. This includes routine inspection, testing, monitoring, and whenever necessary, repair, of the system.

Where can I get additional information on natural gas and its safe use?

- Go to <http://www.safegasindiana.org>; or,
- Contact the Ball State University Pipeline Safety Operator at 285-2807.

What precautions can I take to prevent damage to the natural gas supply?

- **Do not dig or do any excavation on the premises. Such activities are restricted to Ball State employees or contractors after making the necessary notifications.**
- **Do not tamper with the above-ground or interior gas piping.**
- **Report any potential problems to Ball State University Work Control at 285-5081.**



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