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Over the past two weeks we have had two propane explosions which resulted in serious injury to 6 people. The Alaska State Fire Marshal's Office would like to remind you to be safe regarding the use of Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG). As propane is used in many remote locations and rural communities in Alaska for heating, it is imperative to follow basic, but necessary safety guidelines:

- If you smell a strong odor of gas (rotten eggs) leave the area immediately and call the fire department or local Public Safety Office from outside.
- Handle any propane-powered equipment cautiously and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Cylinder tanks for equipment such as stoves and ovens must be located outside of the home.
- Never store or use propane gas cylinders larger than one pound inside the home.
- Never operate a propane-powered gas grill inside the home.
- Have propane gas equipment inspected periodically by a professional for possible leaks or malfunctioning parts.

[NFPA Propane safety](#)

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