

# **!DANGER!**

## **Certain Older Gas Connectors May Be Dangerous**

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 resulting in deaths and injuries.

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.



**WARNING: Only a qualified professional should check your connector and replace it if needed. Don't try to do this yourself!**

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.

**Do not move your appliance to check the connector!**

## **IF YOU SMELL GAS**

If you suspect a gas leak:

- **Leave the house immediately.**
- Don't use your phone; call your gas supplier or the telephone operator for assistance from a neighbor's house.
- Don't light a match.
- Don't turn on a light.
- Don't switch on anything electrical.

