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## **PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE**

### **REGINA RESIDENTS**

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SaskPower Gas Inspections wishes to advise Regina homeowners, in any subdivision constructed earlier than 1970, to purchase a gas detector (methane detector) to detect for the presence of natural gas in the home for their own safety.

As naturally occurring methane has no smell, an odorant has been added to the natural gas delivered to your home. The concern is that, in some circumstances, any gas escaping from a gas distribution system could enter the home and may become undetectable by smell since Regina soil could scrub the odor from the gas.

Gas detectors are different than carbon monoxide detectors or smoke alarms. They detect natural gas (methane) and propane, even if you can't smell it. Most recreational vehicles have one as standard equipment. A gas detector or a combination gas detector is available from most major retailers in the city. The gas detector will detect any combustible gas such as natural gas and alarm prior to reaching hazardous levels.

Note: A gas detector or combination gas detector is suitable for your home. Consider purchasing a second gas detector for your garage (either attached or detached). Carbon monoxide from vehicle exhaust may set off a combination carbon monoxide/natural gas detector placed in a garage.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement of the detector. Should it alarm, please follow these steps:

1. Leave your home immediately, leaving any doors or windows open;
2. Do not turn off or turn on any electrical lights or switches on your way out, avoid using the telephone, cell phone or garage door opener; and
3. Call 911 from a safe location away from your home.

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As per Section 30.1 of *The Gas Inspection Act, 1993*