



How You Can Help Keep Pipelines Safe and Secure

Safety is the core value for America's natural gas transmission companies and distribution utilities. Furthermore, the design, construction, operation, inspection, and maintenance of all operating pipelines are subject to state and federal regulations and requirements.

You also can help ensure safe delivery of natural gas through these actions:

- Become familiar with pipeline facilities in your area, as well as the pipeline operator(s).
- If you are adjacent or near an existing pipeline right-of-way, pipeline operators prepare and distribute fact sheets that describes the product being transported in the pipeline and who to call to report unusual events. Please keep this information nearby for future reference.
- Know what is below by calling 811 before you perform any digging work, even if it is something as simple as planting a tree in your yard.
- Pay attention in order to help identify potential signs of a natural gas leak.
- Report any suspicious activity or unauthorized excavation taking place near pipelines or facilities by calling 911 and the pipeline company.
- Notify the pipeline operator if security fencing around a pipeline facility has been cut or it appears that a gate lock has been tampered with. In addition, report unusual items, such as backpacks and boxes, left near a pipeline.