

Safety Rules - Annex C

In the event of a gas leak, the gas can be removed by simply ventilating the area (see point IV). However, mixed with air, in certain proportions, it can potentially cause fires or explosions. When it is burned, and like any other fuel, gas produces gases which become dangerous when they accumulate in quantity in closed places. This situation is made worse if the gas is incompletely burned and even more so when the appliances are in poor condition, as they can then emit considerable quantities of carbon monoxide (see following sections). It is easy to avoid this danger by taking simple, common sense precautions. However, with the aim of working with users on the prevention of accidents, ROLEGÁS provides some safety rules of which the consumer should be aware:

1. Gas appliances

- 1.1 Only properly approved gas appliances should be used which display the corresponding stamp of certification.
- 1.2 These should be installed in accordance with current legislation and by a qualified technician.
- 1.3 According to current law, it is prohibited to install gas appliances in bathrooms.
- 1.4 Gas appliances should be serviced periodically, by qualified mechanics.

2. Use of gas appliances

- 2.1 When turning on a gas appliance, the match should be struck first and only then should the gas be turned on.
- 2.2 In the case of lighting a water-heater, it should first be checked that the hot water taps are turned off.
- 2.3 Gas appliances should not be left working in the absence of the user.
- 2.4 When you go out, the valves on the installation should be closed, in particular the safety valve.
- 2.5 The place and the installation must meet the requirements of ventilation and exhaust of the products of combustion in conformity with the requirements established in Portuguese norm NP-1037.

3. Materials to be used in removable links

- 3.1 Only a properly approved rubber pipe must be used, containing the reference to the Portuguese norm (NP), the expiry date for use and the name or trademark of the manufacturer.
- 3.2 The rubber pipe must be replaced as soon as it shows signs of cracking or softening or when it reaches its expiry date.
- 3.3 The lengths of rubber pipe must not exceed 0,8 m.
- 3.4 Metal clamps suitable for gas must be used to secure the ends of the rubber pipe and ensure that it is air-tight.
- 3.5 No objects may be hung from the above-mentioned rubber pipe.

4. Leaks or other faults

If you smell gas:

- 4.1 Do not operate electric switches and do not light a flame.
- 4.2 Ventilate the area immediately, by opening doors and windows.
- 4.3 Turn off the safety valve next to the meter and the valves on the gas appliances.
- 4.4 Do not try to carry out a repair or search for a possible leak using a flame.
- 4.5 Call a qualified technician.

5. Periodic inspections

Request periodic inspections required by law: two years for tourist and catering industry gas installations and five years for gas installations performed for over 20 years and have not been subject to refurbishment.