



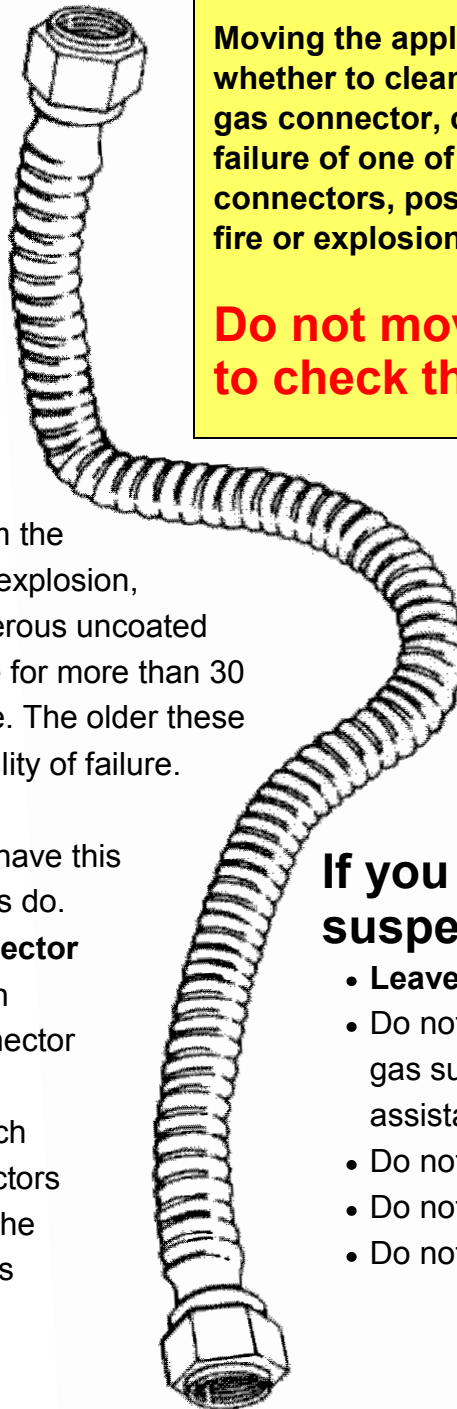
# CPSC Safety Alert

## 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 30 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 connector 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. Do not 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 and suspect a gas leak:**

- Leave the house immediately
- Do not use your phone. Call your gas supplier or dial 911 for assistance from a neighbor's house.
- Do not light a match.
- Do not turn on a light.
- Do not switch on anything electrical.