

## CERT Monthly Safety Tip

## Reporting a Gas Emergency

We all have natural gas appliances such as hot water heater, dryer or gas stove. In its natural state, natural gas is both colorless and odorless. As a safety precaution, TECO/Peoples Gas adds an odorant to give it a "rotten egg" odor that helps alert people to the presence of natural gas which can be hazardous and must be treated with extreme caution.

## If you suspect a gas leak, don't try to find or stop the leak yourself!

- Get everyone away from the area or out of the building quickly
- Report the situation to 911 and then call TECO/Peoples Gas toll free at 877-832-6747 (877-TECO PGS).

Avoid open flames. Do not smoke. Do not do anything that might cause a spark, including turning on or off any electrical or battery-operated devices, using garage door openers, door bells, radios, televisions, computers or phones. Don't operate any vehicle or equipment that could create a spark.

## <u>Do not return to the building until TECO/Peoples Gas</u> safety experts have given the all-clear.

The next monthly CERT meeting is on Thursday, August 19 at 10am in the Oasis Card Room next to the Wi-Fi cafe. If you're interested in joining CERT, please contact Lyle Weissbach at fetzer3@aol.com.