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USE OF HEATERS/STOVES IN WINTER SEASON

Islamabad - Gas heaters and stoves pose serious health risks and are main cause of many fatal incidents. Carbon monoxide is colourless and odourless. High levels of carbon monoxide in the air are very dangerous and may cause people to pass out or even die. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are non-specific and can be mistaken for a flu-like illness or even food poisoning. Very high levels of carbon monoxide can cause loss of consciousness, seizures and death. In winter season, consider safe alternative ways of keeping warm and be careful in using gas/LPG heaters.

Necessary precautions may be taken while using gas/LPG heaters:

- Have your heater serviced regularly
- Have plenty of ventilation – ventilation is very important as it allows fresh air to come in and fumes to go out.
- Be careful when drying clothes inside – keep all flammable materials at least one meter away from the heater.
- Never leave a gas heater running when you go to bed.
- In case of loadshedding/ blackout, please turn off the heaters/stoves.
- Never use or store solvents, aerosols or pressure pack cans near a gas heater – even if the heater is turned off, the pilot light may still be on.
- Never dispose of rubbish such as tissues, cotton buds or other things in a gas fire – this can affect combustion and produce dangerous pollutants.
- Never use an outdoor appliance inside (this includes barbeques and patio heaters).
- Never use or store a gas cylinder indoors.

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority initiated safety campaign through its stakeholders and licensees to educate general public/stakeholders to ensure safety as first priority to avoid losses of precious lives and property.

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