

# Make a (Safety) Statement!

Comic strips are a group of cartoons that tell a story. They contain story elements such as setting, plot, and character. They often use humor to draw attention to something bad or foolish. Ideas that are not easily expressed through words alone can make a good comic strip. Now you will create your own comic strip on energy safety!

In our study of energy safety, we have learned how electricity and natural gas work to make our lives better. We have also discovered that electricity *is* dangerous and natural gas *can be* dangerous if it is not handled properly. Follow the steps below to create a comic strip that makes a strong point about being safe around electricity or natural gas.

Write down at least five different safety measures that you have learned in studying electricity or natural gas. Next to each safety measure, write down your ideas about how you could present it in a comic strip. For example, could you show what you *should do* to be safe? Could you show what you *should NOT do*? Could you show both in the same comic strip?

**Safety measure**

**How to present it**

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Pick one safety measure (or perhaps two that are closely related), and write down the types of characters that should be in the comic strip to help illustrate safety. For instance, what age should the characters be? What will they be wearing?

Use the following empty frames to design a comic strip that makes a statement about your safety measure. You may use one or more of the frames, but you don't have to use all of them. Since this is your rough draft, concentrate on getting the message written first. When you are satisfied with that, begin to fill in the pictures. Once your draft has been approved and edited, you may copy it onto construction paper.

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Be ready to present your comic strip to the class.

