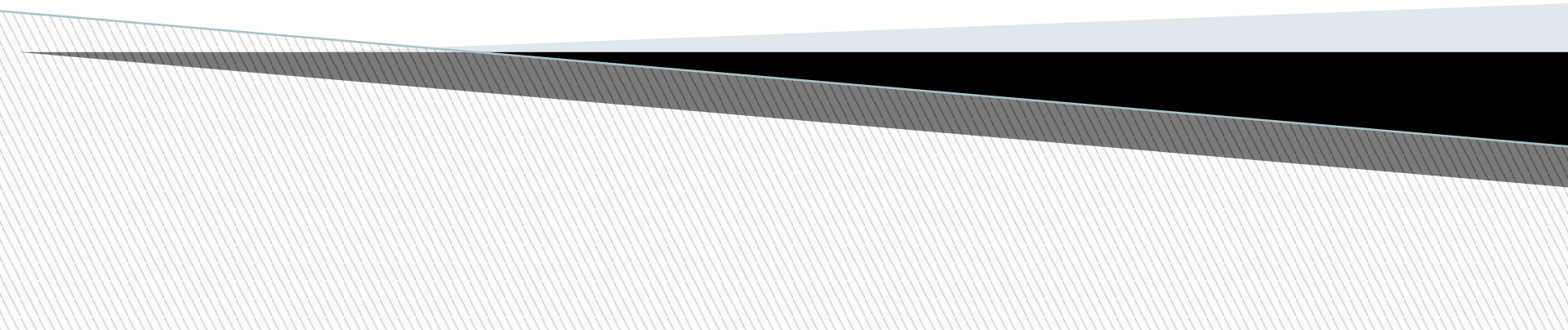


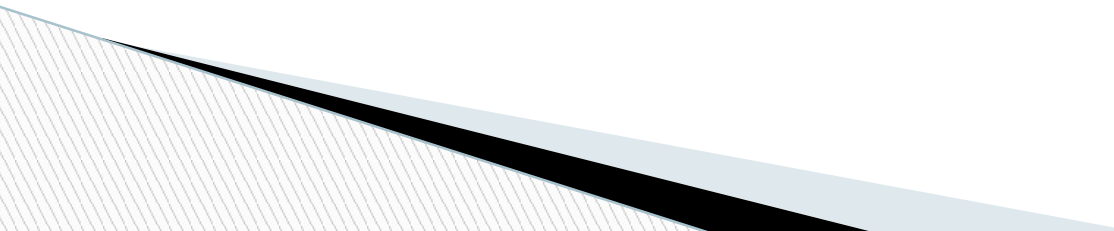
**Destruction of buildings
during emergency
domestic gas explosion**




Gas blast in East Harlem



What causes a gas leak?

- Gas leaks in the home are usually the result of poorly fitted, badly maintained or faulty appliances like boilers and cookers.
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How do you detect a gas leak?

- Always look for a crisp blue flame, rather than an orange or yellow flame.
 - Likewise, look out for a pilot light that always seems to blow out.
 - On the outside of the appliance watch out for soot or any black or brown scorched areas around your appliances.
 - Watch out for excessive condensation on the windows, or a musty smell in the air.
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What should I do if I smell gas?

- To avoid the worst, you should always take action immediately if you smell gas in your home.



How do I prevent gas leaks?

- Your first line of defence is with your household appliances.
 - Always make sure they are installed by an accredited Gas Safe Register engineer, and make sure you check them on a regular basis for signs of wear and tear.
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