

Safety Measures at CNG Stations

Alert # 308

Due to increase in diesel and petrol prices, people are using more CNG as an alternative fuel. Not only small cars but buses, mini buses & commercial vehicles are also using CNG as a substitute.

Nowadays, CNG load shedding of 24/ 48 hours leads to long queues of vehicles at CNG Stations. These long queues not only causing traffic jam at roadsides, but also posing serious safety concerns for the vehicle owners.



On November 20, 2012, an incident of mini-bus gas cylinder explosion occurred in Karachi at a private CNG station, killing people & setting fire to vehicles. This kind of incidents, in the presence of long vehicle queues at CNG Stations, may leads to a massive disaster.

In this scenario, following tips may be considered to avoid any untoward incident:

- Visit CNG stations in off-peak hours
- Avoid parking your vehicles near CNG Stations
- Try to keep your vehicle away from mini-busses, trucks & heavy vehicles
- If waiting in long queues, be patient & do not rush
- Try to keep your vehicle in an illuminated area, while waiting in a queue, to avoid theft/ snatching
- Ask pump attendant to hold the refueling nozzle while filling CNG in vehicle
- Do not smoke/ use cell phone while waiting in queues

While standing in a long queue for CNG filling, we are at a high risk as anyone's unmanaged car cylinder can cause severe explosion

