

Theft of Natural Gas/Electricity Can Result in Loss of Life and Property

# Should We Be Concerned?

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- ***“Woman, 4 children die in West Philadelphia house fire”, 2/11/2007, Associated Press, J. Loviglio*** (incident resulting from theft of electricity)
- ***“A Huge Explosion and Fire at 3304 Hope Street”, 9/25/2005, WPVI-TV (ABC) CH 6, Philadelphia*** (2 women, 4 children injured-from minor to critical, 7 people displaced, incident resulting from theft of gas)
- ***“Raging Inferno Destroys 9 Trenton Homes”, 10/15/2007, CBS 3, Trenton-N.J., B. Bell*** (entire city block evacuated, over a dozen people displaced, a firefighter injured, “caused by a resident trying to steal electricity”)
- ***“Row Home Fire was Accidental – Police say homeowner had illegally connected to electric meter”, 4/3/07, York Daily Record/Sunday News, M. Hoover*** (destruction of four row homes, one firefighter injured)
- ***“Toledo Police Looking for Utilities Bandits”, 3/23/07, WNWO-TV, A. Brillbeck, Barrington Broadcasting Group LLC Station, Toledo-OH*** (basement fire-central Toledo)