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RISK REMINDER

Water Heater Safety: Preventing Leaks and Damage

Water Heaters, gas or electric, can pose safety risks, especially when it comes to leaks and potential water damage. Knowing how to maintain your water heater and recognizing the signs of trouble can help prevent issues.

Identify Your Water Heater Type

- Gas or electric
- Tank water heater
- Tankless water heater
- Heat pump water heater

Each type has maintenance requirements, but safety precautions are universal.

Conduct Regular Inspections

- Check for puddles or moisture
- Look for signs of corrosion or rust
- Listen for sounds such as banging or popping
- Notice any decrease in hot water supply

Perform Routine Maintenance

- Flush the tank annually
- Check the anode rod if applicable
- Test the pressure relief valve
- Install a leak detection system
- Install a catch pan under the tank
- Utilize a licensed plumber when necessary



It's crucial to know the location of the shut-offs for water, gas and power.

Staying proactive with regular inspections and maintenance can help keep your water heater safe and efficient.

For more information, contact TOIRMA at (888) 562-7861

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