



SAFETY BRIEF

GAS LEAK RESPONSE

Leaking liquefied petroleum or natural gas is a very dangerous condition which can cause devastating explosions or fires, resulting in property damage, serious injuries or death. According to the National Fire Protection Association, when a report of a gas leak or report of gas inside a building is received, the following actions should be taken:

1. Clear the room, building or area of all occupants. Do not reenter the area until it has been determined to be safe.
2. Use every practical means to eliminate sources of ignition. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Matches
 - Lighters
 - Operating electrical switches or devices
 - Opening furnace or other appliance doors
 - Operating telephones
3. If possible, cut off all electric circuits at a remote source to eliminate operation of automatic switches in the danger area. Safety flashlights designed for hazardous atmospheres are recommended for use in such emergencies.
4. Notify all personnel in the area and the gas supplier from a remote telephone away from the leak.
5. Ventilate the affected portion of the building by opening windows and doors.
6. Shut off the gas supply to the areas involved.
7. Investigate other buildings in the immediate area to determine if there is escaping gas.



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