

# Gas leak response

A gas leak — whether from natural gas or liquefied petroleum — is extremely dangerous. It can lead to fires, explosions, severe injuries, or worse.

If you suspect a gas leak or smell gas in a building, follow these steps right away:

1. **Get everyone out.** Clear the room, building, or area immediately. Don't let anyone go back in until the area is confirmed safe.
2. **Avoid anything that could spark.** Don't use matches, lighters, phones, or anything electrical — even flipping a switch can cause an explosion. Stay away from furnaces or appliances too.
3. **Shut off power — safely.** If you can, cut electricity from a safe, remote location to prevent automatic switches from turning on in the danger zone. Use flashlights approved for hazardous areas if lighting is needed.
4. **Call for help.** From a safe location, contact your gas supplier and alert others in the area.
5. **Ventilate if it's safe.** Open windows and doors to help clear the gas — only if you can do so safely.
6. **Turn off the gas.** Shut off the gas supply to the affected areas if possible.
7. **Check nearby buildings.** If the leak is strong, gas could drift. Investigate surrounding buildings to make sure they're safe too.

