

Gas Leak

A gas leak refers to a leak of natural gas, from a pipe or other containment, into any area where gas should not be. Although natural gas is by nature colorless and odorless, scents in the form of traces of mercaptans (strong odors resembling that of garlic or rotten eggs) are usually added to assist in identifying leaks.

As natural gas can explode when exposed to flame or sparks, it is important to report any suspected gas leaks immediately.

If you smell a gas odor, or if a gas monitor alarm sounds and reads "GAS":

- Evacuate and secure area.
- Warn others in the immediate area.
- Call Facilities at 940-565-2700 and give your name and the location of odor.
- After-hours call UNT Police Dispatch at 940-565-3000.
- Prevent source of ignition (cigarettes, electrical equipment, etc.).
- Notify your department head/building safety coordinator/housing staff.
- Meet with and assist emergency response personnel.

If there is a major leak such as a pipeline break:

- Call 911 and give the dispatcher your name, location of odor, and related information.
- Initiate an evacuation of the building or if outside, isolate the area.
- Warn others in the immediate area.
- Prevent source of ignition (cigarettes, electrical equipment, etc.).
- Meet with and assist emergency response personnel.
- Do not re-enter building or outside area until cleared by authorized personnel.