

Gas Leak / Emergencies

Gas Leak - Emergency Notification Method: CUNY Alert

A gas leak refers to a leak of natural gas or propane which may come from a pipe, cylinder or pressurized vessel. Gas leaks generally migrate into areas populated by people. Natural gas is lighter than air and will fill a room from the top down. Propane is heavier than air and will sink to floor level or travel into basements etc. It is good to understand this as emergency venting procedures will be different.

As natural gas and propane can ignite 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 the area. Opening may assist in ventilation/pressure
- Warn others in the immediate area.
- Call Public Safety at 646.758.7777 from a location where there is no detected gas.
Do not use phone in affected area.
- For a major leak, call 9-1-1 first, then Public Safety.
- Prevent sources of ignition (light switches, electrical equipment, etc.).
 - Do not pull fire alarms if you detect gas.
 - Do not use light switches or switches on electrical devices.
 - Do not use cell phones or two-way radios.
- Be prepared to evacuate the building
- Do not re-enter the building until cleared to do so by authorized personnel.

Follow up Communications: Bull Horn Announcement, College email, and/or CUNY Alert

