

Natural gas leak

ACTION CHECKLIST

If you smell gas or suspect a leak, leave the area on foot immediately. Do not use switches, flames, phones or engines in the suspected leak area. Once safely away, call emergency services and your gas utility. Do not reenter until cleared.

[] Leave now

Do not search for the leak or stop to collect belongings.

[] Avoid ignition

Do not turn electrical devices on or off, light flames, operate garage doors or start a vehicle nearby.

[] Call from safety

Give the address and what you noticed to emergency services and the utility.

[] Keep others clear

Wait outside the danger area and follow responder instructions.

WATCH FOR

Never use a flame to test for leaks or attempt your own repair.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Stay outside and away even if the utility line is busy. Keep others from entering without approaching the leak. A lack of response does not make reentry safe; use another place to stay until the hazard has been assessed by qualified personnel.

Updated 2026-10-02 | Civilian educational guidance. Seek qualified help when reachable and safe; do not delay immediate protective action.

Full guide: <https://ospreyzero.com/emergencies/gas-leak/>

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