

## **GAS LEAKS – FUMES - VAPORS**

A gas leak is defined as a leak of natural gas, from a pipe or other containment, into a living area where the gas should not be present.

If you detect natural gas, fumes or vapors:

- Call 911 from any landline telephone. Avoid using cell phones as any type of spark could cause an ignition or explosion.
- Immediately abandon any equipment being used in or near the area- do not shut down a motor vehicle or electrical equipment. Your personal safety should be your first concern.
- Leave all doors and windows in the area open behind you.
- Evacuate the area immediately, avoiding the use of motor vehicles unless necessary.
- Assist those who need help, but carefully consider whether you may put yourself at risk.
- If you are not able to evacuate, go to an Area of Rescue Assistance **if** you can.
- Evacuate to an Evacuation Assembly Area. If not known, exit the building and find a safe location.
- Alert authorities to those who may need assistance.
- Do not re-enter building until informed by emergency response personnel that it is safe to return.

### **In these conditions, DONOT:**

- Use cellular telephones, computers, appliances, elevators or other electronic devices.
- Touch electrical outlets, switches or doorbells.
- Smoke, use a lighter, match or other open flames.
- Position or operate vehicles or powered equipment.
- Re-enter the building to open doors or windows.

**Do not attempt to work on equipment or relight a pilot light.  
Qualified personnel will perform that function when it is safe to do so.**