Emergency Response Handbook

GAS LEAK

Natural gas leaks are generally identified by smell and sound. If you smell an odor that resembles the smell of rotten eggs or hear an unusual hissing noise, it may be caused by a natural gas leak.

When natural gas reaches certain levels, it can become flammable (or even explosive) in confined areas and pose a great danger to those nearby. If you find a possible natural gas leak, complete the following actions:

FAINT SMELL OF NATURAL GAS

- 1. Evacuate the area as quickly as possible.
- 2. **DO NOT** utilize any potential sources of ignition (light switches, electrical equipment, cell phones, etc. anything that has the potential to create a spark).
- 3. Warn others in the area of the possible leak.
- Contact UNT Facilities at 940-565-2700 from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday—provide them your name and the location of the odor.
 NOTE: After-hours, contact the UNT Police at 940-565-3000 (non-emergency line)
- 5. Follow instructions from first responders.

OVERWHELMING SMELL OF NATURAL GAS OR SIGNS OF A MAJOR LEAK OR PIPELINE BREAK

- 1. Evacuate the area as quickly as possible.
- 2. **DO NOT** utilize any potential sources of ignition (light switches, electrical equipment, cell phones, etc. anything that has the potential to create a spark).
- 3. Warn others in the area of the possible leak.
- 4. Call 911 to report a gas leak (do NOT make the phone call before evacuating the area—cell phones can ignite natural gas).
- 5. Follow instructions from first responders.

