

GAS LEAKS – A SERIOUS CONCERN

Gas is an odorless and colorless gas that presents a serious safety concern in your home and business if a leak occurs. The City Gas Department adds odorant into the system so that leaks can be detected. Here are a few natural gas safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

1. Always operate gas appliances in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
2. If you suspect a leak, immediately call the Hawarden Municipal Gas Department at 551-2565 for aid.
3. If you smell gas, avoid flame and operation of electric switches or appliances.
4. If odor is extremely strong, evacuate the building and call for help from another location.
5. Insure that only a qualified person turns gas back on and relights appliances.
6. Be aware of symptoms of illness from inadequate air supply. They include: headaches, ringing in the ears, vomiting, fluttering or throbbing of the heart. These symptoms could mean a problem with chimney exhaust.
7. If you suspect an exhaust problem, get fresh air, shut off the gas, and have the problem checked by an expert.

If you smell gas at your residence, contact the City Offices and they will send the Gas Department to check out the problem, free of charge. After hours call Brian Warner, Gas Foreman at 550-0064, Mike Miller, Gas Assistant at 551-0072, or Tom Kane, Director of Public Works at 551-6233. In an emergency call the Hawarden Hospital at 551-3100 and they will contact City personnel for you.