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LET YOUR SNIFFER KEEP YOU SAFE

Natural gas itself does not have an odor, so to make leaks easily detectable, an unpleasant odorant is added to natural gas. Being able to detect a natural gas leak is important because escaping or uncontrolled natural gas presents two dangers:

- 1) It may ignite if it comes in contact with a spark or flame.
- 2) It can displace oxygen, which is potentially fatal.

Keep your family and coworkers safe around natural gas:

1) If you smell gas, leave the premises immediately and contact the City Offices immediately from a telephone or cell phone **at another location**. After hours call Brian Warner, Gas Foreman, at 550-0064, Mike Miller, Gas Assistant, at 551-0072, or Travis Waterman, Director of Public Works, at 551-7900. In an emergency call the Hawarden Hospital at 551-3100 and they will contact City personnel for you.

2) Avoid doing anything that might produce static or sparks, such as touching any electrical switches, telephones (including cell phones), or smoking. Do not turn light switches on and do not use any telephone on the premises. Leave the area entirely.

3) To make sure all of your gas appliances – clothes dryer, water heater, furnace or stove – are operating properly, contact a qualified plumbing and heating dealer for an inspection.

4) Make sure no clothing, paper, rags, flammable substances or debris are near any gas appliance.