

Hazard: Uncombusted Fuel Gas

Identity of Hazard(s): This includes the threat of asphyxiation resulting from the escape of fuel gas into the atmosphere within a dwelling, often due to defects to the gas installation or appliance(s).¹

Primary Health Outcome(s): Asphyxiation¹

Health Alert! Fuel gases can cause asphyxiation. This occurs when the fuel gas builds up within the dwelling, displacing the air to such an extent that the occupants are unable to obtain sufficient oxygen to breathe. Very young children (5 years & under) are most likely to suffer injury as a result of exposure to uncombusted fuel gas.¹

Gain Control: Actions You Can Take²

If you smell gas:

- Leave the area at once.
- Go to a location where you no longer smell gas, outside of the house or building.
- Call your local gas supplier to report the problem

Don't:

- Light matches or smoke. Avoid use of all open flames.
 - Use any electrical device, including appliances, doorbells and garage door openers.
 - Turn light switches on and off.
 - Use any phones, including cellular phones.
 - Try to locate the source of the gas leak.
 - Re-enter the building or return to the area until MichCon tells you it's safe to do so.
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Local Resources for Detroit Residents:

- The Detroit Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering (BSEED): (313) 628-2451
 - Property Maintenance Division can handle rental property issues with escaping gas into the air.
- DTE Energy: (800) 947-5000

¹http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=operating_guidance_hhrs_v1.pdf

²<https://www2.dteenergy.com/wps/portal/dte/business/problemsSafety/details/safety/gas%20leak%20safety/>