

Avoidance of Damage to Gas Pipes in Housing Estates/ Premises

A Guide for Property Management Companies / Minor Works Contractors

Before commencement of any minor works (including demolition or interior / exterior renovation) in housing estates/ premises, property management companies and works contractors shall ensure that all reasonable steps and measures are taken to avoid damage to gas installations, and that the following precautions are noted:

Avoid Damage to Concealed Gas Pipes

- Ascertain the locations of exposed / concealed gas installations including gas pipes (on ceilings / walls / floor slabs) within or in the vicinity of the works area as well as their gas supply condition. .
- Check the labelling of live gas pipes to avoid mistaking them as abandoned pipes. Always assume the gas pipe to be active although the gas supply has been terminated in the premises.
- Obtain layout plans (if any) and relevant information of concealed gas pipes from the registered gas supply companies or the management office.
- Use metal detectors to identify the locations of concealed gas pipes.
- Mark the locations of gas pipes clearly to ensure that the persons who carry out the works are aware of the positions of gas pipes and clearly understand what safety protective measures are required.



In the course of works, take all reasonable measures to protect the gas pipes from damage, including:

- ▶ Maintain adequate safety clearance from the gas pipes when carrying out chiselling works with hand tools.
- ▶ Use isolation plates to protect the gas pipes from damage arising out of cutting works in the vicinity.
- ▶ Contact your registered gas supply company to isolate the gas supply temporarily, if necessary.
- ▶ Check the locations of the gas control valves for cutting off the gas supply in case of emergency.



What should be done if a gas pipe is found damaged with gas leakage?

- Stop the gas flow immediately by turning off the emergency control valve upstream of the gas meter.
- Extinguish all naked flames and open all windows and doors wide for the leaked gas to disperse.
- Don't use telephones or operate any electrical switches.
- Leave the premises at once and notify your neighbours to evacuate if the gas leakage is serious.
- Dial **999** for help and call the 24-hour emergency hotlines of the registered gas supply companies concerned.

The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited	2880	6999
ExxonMobil Hong Kong Limited	2435	4511
IP&E GBA Limited	2435	4511
DSG Energy Limited	2322	2000
Shell Hong Kong Limited	2322	2000
Sinopec (Hong Kong) Limited	2433	2111



Be careful! Avoid damage to gas pipes



Registered gas contractors shall be engaged to carry out all the gas installation works. A list of registered gas contractors can be accessed by scanning the QR code or via the website http://www.emsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content_261/overall_RGC.pdf.



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