

IMPORTANT SAFETY BULLETIN

UNDERGROUND LPG PIPEWORK

An LPG explosion happened in 2004 at a factory in Glasgow. Nine people were killed and 33 injured when an underground, iron gas pipe corroded



through. A cellar filled with LPG and a spark from a switch set it off, causing a 4 storey building to collapse. The Health and Safety Executive have launched a campaign in conjunction with interested parties, to ensure all existing LPG installations are safe.

When we carry out gas work on an LPG system supplied from a tank, our responsibilities start at the second stage regulator, which is normally located on the outside of the building. We are not qualified to inspect or work on underground pipework. The responsibility for its safe condition (and probably ownership) rests with the 'operator' of the site and the normal way of addressing any concerns is through your gas supplier. We do, however, endeavour to keep our customers informed of any industry issues which may affect them and we hope this bulletin assists you in meeting your Health and Safety obligations.

If you have an LPG tank, you should already have been contacted by your supplier this summer. If you have not, further guidance can be found at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/gas/lpg.htm> and on the attached HSE leaflet. The most effective way of addressing any concerns is to contact your supplier. However, if you have any general questions or concerns or would like further guidance, we would be pleased to hear from you.

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