

Do you use LPG in your business?

If so it is vital you read this important safety information

When liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is stored and used in installations compliant with relevant health and safety legislation and industry codes of practice, it is a safe fuel. However, when it is not the results can be catastrophic. In May 2004 a gas leak from a corroded buried pipe led to an accumulation of gas in the basement of a Glasgow plastics factory. This resulted in an explosion which caused the building to collapse - nine people were killed and 33 were injured, some critically.

To reduce the risk of another incident the UK LPG industry and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) consider that underground metallic pipework should be replaced with pipework made from materials such as polyethylene (plastic) which won't corrode.

Replacing buried metallic pipework/fittings at commercial and industrial premises throughout the UK will be a major undertaking and therefore needs to be prioritised based on the risk of pipeline failure and gas entering a nearby building.

Action required

You should have received a letter from your own LPG supplier back in July, asking you to complete a questionnaire.

If you have not already done so, please complete the questionnaire and return it to the address given on the form.

If you have not received a letter from your supplier, or if you would prefer to complete the survey online, please go to www.hse.gov.uk/lpg.

It is extremely important that you provide this information. HSE will be monitoring progress of the replacement programme and, where necessary, may follow up directly with LPG users to see what action has been taken.

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If there is anything you are unsure of or if you need any help completing the questionnaire, please contact your LPG supplier who will be able to assist you. Alternatively, for general guidance on this issue, call HSE on 0845 345 0055.

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