

## Emergency Preparedness ■ Gas Leaks

### ■ Individual and Group Safety Information

The following are important safety considerations during a gas leak:

#### **Initial Assessment:**

- Do not spend undue time assessing the release.
- Report injuries.
- Provide as many details as possible to the university police dispatcher (the identification of the source of the release of gas, chemical or substance).
- Provide your location and the location of the odor to the university police dispatcher.
- Clear the area immediately, providing assistance to those with special needs.
- Notify others to leave other areas in close proximity to the location.
- Report to your department's designated gathering point, a safe distance away from the affected area.
- Have laboratory manual available for additional guidance.

#### **Source Control:**

- If known, identify emergency shutoff devices before exiting the affected area.

- If release occurs indoors, close doors and windows and turn off HVAC systems.

**Evacuation of Building or Area:**

- Do not use elevators.
- Move to a safe distance away from the gas leak area.
- Do not smoke or use a cigarette lighter anywhere near the area of the gas leak.