

Gas Pipelines Victoria Pty Ltd

# SAFETY BROCHURE

*A neighbourly safety message from GPV*

In case of a pipeline emergency, call toll free: **1800 351 747**  
Before You Excavate, Call 'DIAL BEFORE YOU DIG': **1100**



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## OFFICE LOCATION AND PHONE NUMBERS

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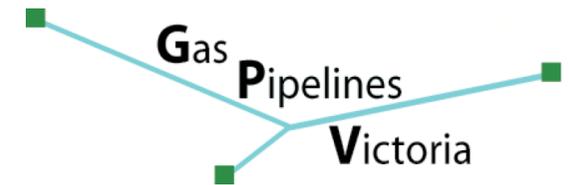
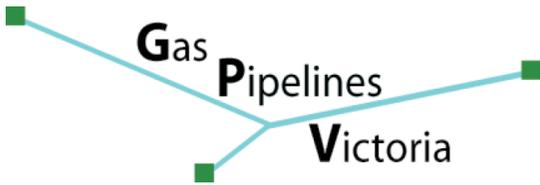
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**1800 351 747**



In the interest of everyone's safety, **Gas Pipelines Victoria Pty Ltd (GPV)** is asking for your help to prevent damage to underground pipelines and avoid pipeline emergencies.

This pamphlet has been given to you to emphasise the importance of notifying **GPV** before pursuing any activities which may have the potential to damage our pipeline. It also tells you how to recognise suspicious activities or emergencies involving our pipeline.

For everyone's safety, please help us prevent damage to our underground pipeline and avoid pipeline emergencies.

## Who are we?

**GPV** owns and operates the Carisbrook to Horsham gas transmission pipeline in western Victoria.

Our pipeline begins at our Carisbrook metering station and transports **high pressure** natural gas to city gate stations near Ararat, Avoca, Stawell and Horsham.

## What is natural gas?

Commonly called "gas", it is a non-toxic flammable gas. It is lighter than air and when released into the atmosphere, it will normally disperse upward. Common household uses include: fuel for cooking, water heaters and home heaters.

## What do you mean by "high pressure"?

Gas used in households is at very low pressure, about the pressure inside an inflated party balloon. Our pipeline operates at a much higher pressure, about 30 times the pressure in an inflated car tyre.

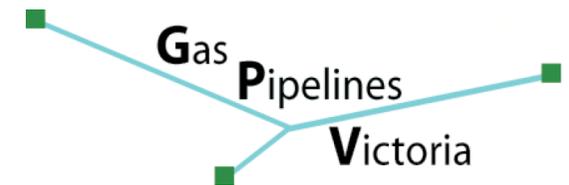
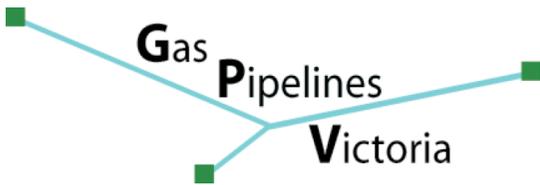
Our pipeline has been tested well above the operating pressure and is very safe. External influences however, such as bulldozers with scraper blades and deep rippers operating near pipelines can result in accidents. When a pipeline is damaged, a rupture can occur immediately or after some time.

## Why am I getting this pamphlet?

You are in the vicinity of our pipeline and may be able to help us detect problems. We frequently survey the areas around our pipeline for indications of activities or conditions which may affect the safety of our system. However, we can't be at all places at all times. We need your help!

## How can I help?

- 1 By knowing what to look for and promptly reporting problems such as digging, boring and directional drilling near our pipeline, you can be additional eyes and ears that further enhance pipeline safety.



- 2 By not constructing any building, shed or structure on the pipeline easement.
- 3 By contacting us before installing fence posts on the pipeline easement.
- 4 By making contractors, excavation or maintenance personnel you utilise aware of this safety message.
- 5 By advising us if you sell your property so that we can contact the new owner.

## Suspicious Excavation Activities

If you notice any digging, construction or other activities near our pipeline, please call **GPV**. We will investigate promptly. Our pipeline is identified by markers and warning signs like the sign shown on the back cover of this pamphlet.

## Leaks

The gas in our pipeline has been specially odorised in order to smell leaks.

If you notice any signs of a leak near our pipeline, place a toll free call without hesitation to **1800 351 747**. This phone number is accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

In any event **do not** ignite the gas to verify a leak. Do not operate a motor vehicle, smoke or take any other ignition source near a suspected leak. Company personnel will arrange an investigation.

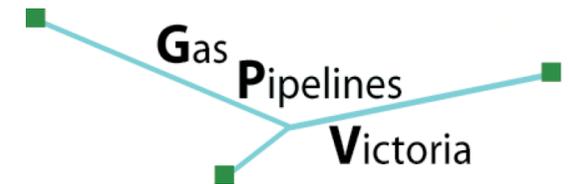
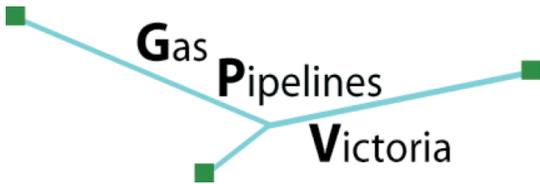
## What may indicate a gas leak?

- Blowing or hissing sound
- Dust blowing from a hole in the ground
- Continuous bubbling in wet or flooded areas
- A spot of dead or discoloured vegetation in an otherwise green area
- Flames

## In the unlikely event that an incident occurs, what should I do?

Evacuate the area at once. **Call 1800 351 747**. Wait to be notified by emergency response personnel that it is safe to return to the area. Your cooperation with all law enforcement, fire fighting and other emergency personnel is important in minimising the effect of an incident.

**GPV** will coordinate with local safety agencies, including police, fire and emergency personnel to integrate emergency plans and procedures. This ensures a coordinated response and appropriate allocation of resources.



## A Special Message for Equipment Operators

Before you dig, auger, cultivate, bore or blast near our pipeline, allow us to determine the location and depth of our underground facilities.

### What should I do before I dig?

Contact Dial Before You Dig on 1100 and GPV will respond within 48 hours.

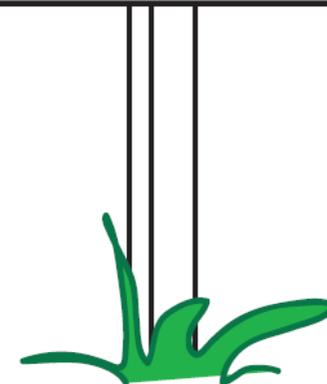
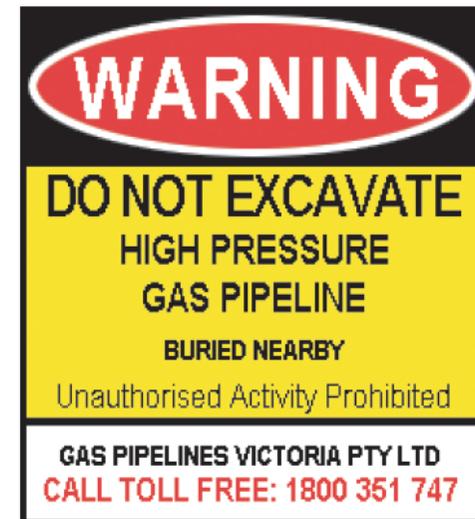
### What should I do if my equipment contacts your pipeline?

A gouge, scrape, dent or other damage to the pipe or coating may one day cause a break or leak. We must evaluate and repair any damage to our pipeline.

***If you strike the pipeline, even if you think you may have not damaged it:***

- Turn off the equipment ignition
- Leave the area quickly
- Warn others
- Notify **GPV** on **1800 351 747**

*GPV is committed to maintaining a safe industry. We hope this pamphlet helps to further that commitment. If you have any questions, please call the local number 1800 351 747.*



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