

know what's below

Important safety information
if you live or work near gas pipelines.

Australian underground utilities such as electricity, gas, telecommunications and water need to be protected to ensure reliable service and safety of the community.

It is important to be aware of these utilities and ensure that they are not damaged. This brochure provides you with important information about APA's gas pipeline corridors.

APA Group (APA) is Australia's largest transporter of natural gas, delivering approximately half of the nation's annual gas usage through its 15,000 km of gas pipelines.

At APA, your safety is our priority. The following important safety information is for those who live or work near or on a gas pipeline corridor. Please read it and keep it handy for ongoing reference.



When to contact APA Group:

1. When planning work on or near the gas pipeline corridor

- Submit a Before You Dig Australia (BYDA) enquiry at www.byda.com.au (formerly Dial Before You Dig)
- Submitting a Before You Dig enquiry will trigger the APA assessment process
- Obtain authorisation from APA prior to work starting; on site supervision by APA may be required
- Work requiring authorisation includes: fencing (including replacement), digging, drilling, trenching, construction, drainage work, use of explosives, land levelling or contouring, use of vibrating machinery and moving heavy machinery or loads
- Unauthorised work on gas pipeline corridors is not permitted; penalties apply
- Contact us for any additional queries; we are happy to help

2. When planning development or subdivisions near the gas pipeline corridor

Our Urban Planning team is available to advise on ways in which land use, development and subdivision should respond to pipeline corridors.

It is important to engage the team early on these matters so you can incorporate any requirements, and avoid delays to your project. Contact apaprotection@apa.com.au.

3. To report unauthorised activity on or near the gas pipeline corridor

Please contact us if you notice any unauthorised work on or near the gas pipeline corridor.

4. To notify change in landholder details

Let us know if there is a change in owner or contact details. We will update our records so we can continue to work effectively with landholders.

5. Crossing the gas pipeline corridor with heavy machinery

Crossing the pipeline in the course of standard agricultural practices is not a concern. This includes use of tractors (wheels or tracks), grain trucks, and harvesters.

You must check with APA if crossing with non-road legal equipment such as excavators or cranes. Also check with us if you are creating a new crossing point for regular ongoing use.

6. If you notice soil movement on or near the gas pipeline

We have measures in place to detect soil movement, erosion, or stockpiling on or near the pipeline corridor, but if you notice any such issues please contact us.

Trees and dams are not permitted on or near a gas pipeline corridor

APA's gas pipeline corridors are up to 30 metres wide. Warning signs at regular intervals identify the gas pipeline route. However, these signs do not indicate the exact location of the buried pipeline.

Trees or dense shrubs are not permitted on the gas pipeline corridor as they may obstruct visibility of warning signs, and hinder APA corridor surveillance. Trees roots may also damage the pipeline. Please contact APA prior to any planting or landscaping for advice on what is acceptable.

Dams are not permitted on or near the gas pipeline corridor; and stockpiling soil or changing water flows are also restricted. Please contact APA to discuss your plans.

Pipelines and your land

Our pipelines are located underground within easements which restrict some activities, but allow you to continue to use your land as backyard space (in the suburbs) or for agriculture (in rural areas).

We know fencing over the pipeline corridor is necessary, but let us know about your plans and we'll make sure you can proceed safely without affecting the operation of our pipelines.

Structures, excavation and earthworks on the whole easement width are restricted and you may only proceed where we grant authorisation.

For more information, visit www.apa.com.au





General Enquiry

Contact APA for any enquiries about working on or near the gas pipeline corridor

Freecall
1800 103 452

Email
apaprotection@apa.com.au

Before You Dig

Contact Before You Dig Australia to receive information about the location of underground utilities infrastructure (including high voltage electricity cables) at your site.

Visit www.byda.com.au



SCAN HERE



Suspect a gas pipeline leak?

Call the emergency
Freecall number
1800 017 000 or Dial 000

Emergency information

If you know or suspect a gas pipeline is leaking or damaged leave the area immediately. Do not create sparks by:

- Using your vehicle
- Using your mobile phone
- Using your camera
- Using matches or lighters
- Smoking cigarettes in the area.

Signs that a pipeline is leaking or damaged include:

- A hissing or roaring sound
- Bubbling water
- Any unusual odour
- Dead or discoloured vegetation in an otherwise green location
- Soil discolouration.



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