

Stop the source if it can be done without risk. Contain the leaking liquid, with sand or earth, or disperse with special water/fog spray nozzle. Allow to evaporate. Restrict access to the area until completion of the clean-up procedure. Ventilate the area using forced-draught if necessary. All electrical equipment must be flameproof.

7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

Cylinders containing liquefied petroleum gas should only be handled and stored in the vertical position. Cylinders should never be rolled. Do not allow cylinders to slide or come into contact with sharp edges and they should be handled carefully. Ensure that cylinders are stored away from oxidants. Comply with local legislation.

8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational Exposure Hazards.

As vaporised LPG is a simple asphyxiant, avoid any areas where spillage has taken place.

Engineering control measures.

Engineering control measures are preferred to reduce exposure to Oxygen-depleted atmospheres. General methods include forced-draught ventilation, separate from other exhaust ventilation, separate from other exhaust ventilation systems. Ensure that all electrical equipment is flameproof.

Personal Protection.

Self-contained breathing apparatus should always be worn when entering area where oxygen depletion may have occurred. Safety goggles, gloves and shoes, or boots, should be worn when handling containers. Skin. Wear loose-fitting overalls, preferably without pockets.

9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Physical Data

Specific Volume @ 20°C & 101,325 kPa	471ml/g
Auto ignition temperature	450°C
Relative density (Air=1) @101,325kPa	+1,75
Flammability in air	2,2-9,5%
Colour – Liquid	Clear
Taste	None
Odour	EthylMercaptan
Specification	SANS 1174

10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Conditions to avoid

The dilution of the oxygen concentration in the atmosphere to levels which cannot support life. The formation of explosive gas/air mixtures.

Incompatible Materials

Any common, commercially available metal may be used with commercial (or higher) grades of liquefied petroleum gases because they are non-corrosive, though installations must be designed to withstand the pressure involved and must comply with all state local regulations.

Hazardous Decomposition Products.

The constituents of liquefied petroleum gas are relatively stable. However, on combustion, toxic compositions, typically carbon monoxide, may be formed, depending on conditions.

11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity	TLV 1000 VPM
Skin & eye contact	No known effect.
Carcinogenicity	Severe cold burns can result in carcinoma

(For Further information see Section 3. Adverse Health Effects)

12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Vapourised liquefied petroleum gas is heavier than air, and can cause pockets of oxygen-depleted atmosphere in low-lying areas. It does not pose a hazard to the ecology, unless the gas/air is ignited.

13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods Disposal of Propane, as with other flammable gases, should be undertaken only by personnel familiar with the gas and the procedures for disposal. Contact the supplier for instructions. In general, should it become necessary to dispose of Propane, the best procedure, as for other flammable gases, is to burn them in suitable burning unit available in the plant. This should be done in accordance with appropriate regulations.

Disposal of packaging The disposal of cylinders must only be handled by the gas supplier.

14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

ROAD TRANSPORTATION

Road Transportation

UN No.	1075
ERG No.	115
Hazchem warning	2A-Flammable gas

SEA TRANSPORTATION

IMDG	1075
Label	Flammable gas

AIR TRANSPORTATION

ICAO/IATA Code	1075
Class	2.1
Packaging group	Cargo 200
Packaging instructions	Passenger Forbidden
Maximum Quantity allowed	Cargo 150kg
	Passenger Forbidden

15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

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Hazard & Precautionary statement codes

H220	Extremely Flammable Gas
P210	Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/ hot surfaces – NO SMOKING (Manufacture, supplier or the competent authority to specify ignition sources)
P377	Leaking gas fire: Do not extinguish unless leak can be stopped safely
P381	Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so
P403	Store in a well-ventilated place

16 OTHER INFORMATION

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