

# Refrigerants SAFETY

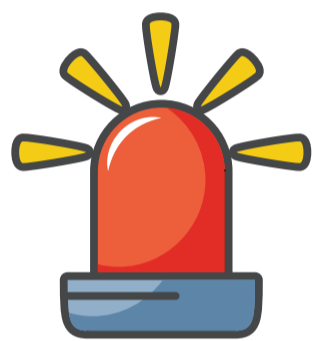
Methane is a main component in natural gas. It is highly flammable, colorless, odorless, and tasteless, making it difficult to detect without specialized gas detection equipment. Although There is no evidence that duration of exposure is important in methane toxicity, workers in industries such as mining, food production, industrial processes, landfills, and fossil fuel extraction operations run the risk of an explosion hazard.

## OSHA LIMITS & PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS



**5,000 PPM**

24-h EEL  
90-d CEL



**1% by Volume**

Gas monitoring 1st  
level alarm



**1.25% by Volume**

Evacuation  
procedures ensue



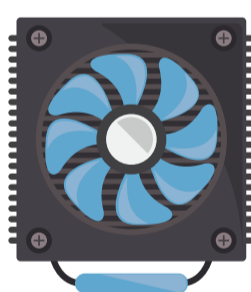
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Explosion Hazard

R-290

(Propane), R-152a (Difluoroethane), R-744 (CO<sub>2</sub>), and R-717 (Ammonia)

## SAFE PRACTICES



### Ventilation

Ensure when working in a confined space that there is adequate ventilation



### Proper Cylinder Handling

Do not drag, roll, slide, or drop cylinders. Always use a cart when transporting.



### Know the Codes

Familiarize yourself with the codes set by ICC, NBIC, NFPA, IFC, OSHA and NIOSH.



### Safety Systems

Install gas detection safety systems to protect workers near elevated levels of methane and act as an early warning of potential exposure to an explosion hazard

## HAZARD AREAS



Mines



Fossil Fuel  
Extraction Sites



Petrochemical  
Facilities



Landfills

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