

MANHOLE COVER EXPLOSION DISASTER RESPONSE

Background

Manhole explosions occur when a spark from the wiring ignites the gases inside the manhole. There are manholes down your street, near where you work and manhole cover explosions can be very dangerous and cause major traffic problems in the area where the explosion occurred.

If you encounter a Manhole Explosion:

Think Safety First:

Stay away from the manhole where the explosion occurred and other manholes in the area.

Get Help:

- If you see smoke call 9-1-1.
- If you smell gas contact call the Mayor's call center at 311 or call Washington Gas at (703) 750-1400

