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Natural-gas leak causes problems in Castro

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A contractor punched a hole in a natural gas pipeline this afternoon in San Francisco's Castro neighborhood, prompting evacuations and Muni service changes, officials said.

The contractor accidentally ruptured the 2-inch distribution line near 18th and Castro streets shortly before 1 p.m., said Joe Molica, a spokesman for [Pacific Gas and Electric Co.](#)

Firefighters evacuated ground-floor residences and businesses in the area, and occupants on upper floors were asked to shelter in place or leave, said Mindy Talmadge, a Fire Department spokeswoman.

At nearby Harvey Milk Elementary School, students and staff were also asked to shelter in place as a precaution, district officials said.

The leak was capped shortly after 3 p.m., with repair work expected to take an additional three to four hours. Five utility customers were without gas as repairs were made.

Muni trains bypassed the Castro station until the leak was capped and bus service was rerouted on the 24, 33 and 35 lines.

The 400 block of Castro Street was expected to be closed until at least 5:30 p.m., Molica said.
