# Fife block of flats evacuated after car crash causes suspected gas leak



A block of flats in Fife was evacuated yesterday amid significant concerns over a potential gas leak following a car crash that resulted in one vehicle colliding with a ground-floor flat. Emergency services, including Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and the Scottish Ambulance Service, responded swiftly to the incident, which occurred around 3.25 PM on May 14.

Witnesses described a strong smell of gas permeating the area shortly after the crash. One local resident, Scotty Orrock, recounted his experience on social media, stating, "I just went past, they’ve hit the gas pipe. The High Street is stinking. It was bad." Other residents echoed his concerns, expressing relief that the situation did not escalate further. "Very lucky it never blew when they crashed," remarked Keith Dryburgh, underscoring the severity of the circumstances.

Photographs taken at the scene revealed debris littering the sidewalk, with the crashed grey Skoda pressed against the building's wall. Firefighters were seen rushing in with hoses and equipment to assess the situation. The quick response from first responders highlights the potential risks involved in urban areas where residential buildings are close to traffic routes.

Police confirmed that the two occupants of the vehicle were transported to hospital for treatment. Fortunately, no serious injuries were reported. A spokesperson for Police Scotland noted that the street was reopened after assessing the situation, stating, "A number of properties were evacuated as a precaution."

In similar incidents across Scotland, gas leaks resulting from vehicular accidents have prompted swift evacuations. For example, in August 2024, a car crash in Kilmarnock's New Farm Loch area led to the evacuation of 35 homes due to a significant gas leak. Residents were temporarily relocated, with local authorities ensuring that safety protocols were effectively implemented.

A separate incident in Stonehaven in December 2022 saw a three-vehicle collision that damaged a gas pipe, leading to the temporary evacuation of nearby properties. In that case, emergency services managed the situation without any injuries reported, demonstrating a commendable level of preparedness in handling such emergencies.

The incident in Fife serves as a stark reminder of the potential dangers posed by gas leaks, especially in densely populated areas where the overlap of residential and vehicular spaces can create hazardous situations. It also sheds light on the importance of rapid emergency response and community awareness in mitigating risks.

While the current situation has more or less been contained, the Daily Record has reached out to SGN and the Scottish Ambulance Service for further comment. Community members are advised to remain vigilant and report any unusual smells or signs of danger to authorities.

The proactive measures taken yesterday not only ensured the safety of residents but also reinforced the role of emergency services in maintaining public safety within urban environments. As the aftermath of the crash continues to unfold, the local community is reminded to cooperate with safety measures and remain alert.

### Reference Map

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