

# Gas leak sparks evacuations near Tesla gigafactory in Austin

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The area surrounding a **Tesla** factory in Austin, **Texas** has been evacuated amid concerns of a possible gas leak.

The Austin Fire Department responded to calls of a possible crack in a pipeline about 10am Wednesday morning.

Crews had received reports of a 'hazardous materials incident' at Tesla Road, where **the company's headquarters is located.**



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'Isolation zone set up to ensure the safety of everyone working in the surrounding area.'

Atmos Energy is working to get the valves entirely shut off. A construction crew working nearby had damaged a natural gas pipeline.

Technicians are now on the scene to repair the damage to the pipeline.

Commuters have been warned to expect heavy traffic in and around the area.

Tesla Gigafactory manufactures Tesla cars and is the 'main factory' for the Cybertruck.

It is also the base of Tesla's headquarters, and some 20,000 people are reportedly employed at the factory.

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