

# SUMMER SAFETY: BBQ Safety Tips



**BARBECUING IS AN ENJOYABLE ACTIVITY** during the warmer seasons, but this enjoyment can turn to disaster unless proper safety precautions are taken. Below are some easy-to-follow safety tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable grilling season.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- » **WHEN** purchasing a barbecue, select one that bears the CSA or ULC label.
- » **KEEP** barbecues away from anything that can burn such as your home, deck rails, etc.
- » **NEVER** allow children to use or play around a barbecue.
- » **HAVE** a fire extinguisher, baking soda or water available to put out an accidental fire.
- » If you get burned, run cool water over the burn for 10 to 15 minutes. **DO NOT** use butter or salve on burns. If you receive a serious burn, seek medical attention right away.
- » **NEVER** use barbecues inside the home or in an enclosed area.
- » **PLEASE** review BC Safety Authority Grilling Checklist:  
[www.safetyauthority.ca/sites/default/files/GrillingSafetyChecklist.pdf](http://www.safetyauthority.ca/sites/default/files/GrillingSafetyChecklist.pdf)



## GAS BARBECUES

- » **FOLLOW** the manufacturer's instructions when fitting the gas cylinder to the barbecue.
- » **AFTER** connecting the gas supply hose to the barbecue, open the propane cylinder or natural gas supply valve. Check for gas leaks by applying a soapy solution over the connections and hose. Soap bubbles will form if there is a leak.
- » **IF A LEAK** or fire occurs, turn off gas supply valve immediately.
- » Propane cylinders **MUST** be retested every 10 years.
- » To avoid a possible fire or explosion, **NEVER** light a gas barbecue with a leaking hose, a leaking connection or with the barbecue lid closed.
- » **NEVER** store extra propane cylinders under your barbecue or inside any structure.
- » **WHEN** transporting a cylinder, secure it in an upright position with a safety POL plug in place.
- » **ENSURE** all valves are turned off when the barbecue is not in use.



## CHARCOAL BARBECUES

- » Use only an approved fire starter fluid designed for barbecue grills. **DO NOT** use gasoline. Store the remaining fire starter fluid in a safe place.
- » **BE SURE** that fire starter fluids are not accessible to children as they are poisonous. Special childproof caps are available at your local barbecue dealer.
- » **PLACE** barbecue in a well-ventilated area as poisonous gases, such as carbon monoxide are released.
- » **BEFORE** disposing charcoal ash, ensure it is thoroughly extinguished. Live coals or hot embers can start a fire – be extremely cautious.

