



JACKSON BUREAU OF FIRE SAFETY

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BARBECUE SAFETY

Holding a barbecue should be a safe and enjoyable experience for all your family. To make sure there are no injuries or damage to property please take the following simple precautions:

Make sure that your barbecue is in good working order and the site chosen for the barbecue is flat

Barbecues must be well away from sheds, fences and overhanging branches and other foliage

Use only enough charcoal to cover the base of the barbecue to a depth of about 2"

Use only recognized fire lighters or starter fuel, and only use on cold coals. Use the minimum quantity necessary to start the fire. And NEVER use petrol or gasoline

Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area never leaving the barbecue unattended

When the cooking is finished, make sure the barbecue is cool before trying to move it

Empty the spent ashes onto bare garden soil and never put ashes straight into a dustbin or wheelie bin



Change gas cylinders in the open air if possible, otherwise open doors and windows to provide good ventilation

If you suspect a leak in the gas cylinder or pipe work brush soapy water around all joints and watch for bubbles. If you find a leaky joint, try to tighten it, but do not over-tighten

Do not keep more spare gas cylinders than you need and store gas cylinders outside (protect from frost and direct sunlight)

Do not store gas cylinders under the stairs of your home. If you are upstairs this is your means of escape from a fire

When you have finished cooking with a gas barbecue, turn off the gas cylinder before the barbecue controls, this makes sure that any residue

Remember to check your Smoke Detectors monthly and change your batteries when you change your clock



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