

BARBEQUE SAFETY

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This summer enjoy your barbeque but remember cooking with hot coals or gas can be dangerous. Avoid distractions from people around you and follow our top tips to stay safe.

- Never use a BBQ indoors or on a balcony.
- Position your BBQ on level ground and keep it well away from anything that may catch fire (sheds, fences, trees, tents etc).
- Never leave a BBQ unattended.
- Only use enough charcoal to cover the base of the BBQ.
- Use approved BBQ starter fuel or firelighters to start the BBQ. Never use petrol, paraffin or biofuel to get the BBQ going or revive it.
- Be careful with fatty foods, avoid using oils when cooking.
- Keep children, pets and garden games away from the BBQ.
- Have a bucket of water or sand nearby for emergency use.
- After cooking, make sure the BBQ is cool before moving it.
- Empty cold ashes onto bare garden soil, not into dustbins or wheelie bins.
- Don't drink too much alcohol if you are using the BBQ.
- BBQs in outdoor public spaces – only use them in suitable and safe areas, and always follow any local rules or guidance on their use.

GAS BARBEQUES

- Change the gas cylinder outdoors and make sure you turn off all controls and valves.
- Store gas cylinders outside, protect from frost and direct sunlight.
- To prevent gas leaks, ensure all joints are tightened.
- If you suspect a fault do not use the BBQ and seek specialist advice.

DISPOSABLE BARBEQUES

- Never use a disposable BBQ inside a building, tent, caravan or other enclosed space. Once lit they give off poisonous carbon monoxide fumes that can kill in minutes. Always use and leave the BBQ outdoors, where the fumes can disperse and it can cool down completely. Used safely, disposable BBQs can be fun and quick to use but always follow the safety instructions provided and take extra care.

For more information please visit **london-fire.gov.uk**

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