



BBQ Safety Tips




**KNOW YOUR FIRE
DEPARTMENT'S PHONE
NUMBER AND KEEP IT HANDY.**

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Barbecue safety information from Ontario's Technical Standards & Safety Authority



PUT SAFETY IN YOUR SIZZLE

Few things can match the fun and enjoyment of a barbecue with family and friends. Practice sensible, safe barbecuing and keep these tips in mind for a sizzling success.



Steps for Safe BBQing

Check & Clean It - at the start of BBQ season:

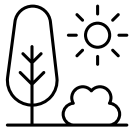
- **Clean all burner ports and tubes:** Use a pipe cleaner or wire to ensure burner ports are free of rust, dirt, spider webs or other debris.
- **Check:** Examine the hose leading from the tank to the burners. Replace if cracked or damaged.
- **Test:** Find leaks by applying a 50/50 solution of water and dish soap to propane cylinder connections and hoses. If bubbles appear, tighten the connection and/or replace the damaged parts and retest.

Light it Right

1. Place your BBQ or grill on a level surface in a well-ventilated area.
2. Make sure there are no combustible materials near your BBQ.
3. Never lean over the grill when you are lighting it.
4. Open the hood and keep it open until the BBQ is lit.
5. Turn the gas release valve on. Turn on the burner controls or heat settings.
6. Take a step back.
7. Push the igniter button or use a barbecue lighter.
8. If it does not ignite right away, turn the gas off and wait five minutes, keeping the lid open, before you try again.

Keep It Outdoors

- Always barbecue outside in a well-ventilated area – BBQs are approved for outdoor use ONLY. They emit carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas that can lead to unconsciousness and even death.
- Propane cylinders may not be used or stored inside any structure.



STAY SAFE

- **BBQs are intended to be attended.**
 - Never leave your cooking/grill unsupervised.
 - Keep kids and pets away from the BBQ.
 - Position a fire extinguisher nearby in case of emergency.
- **Keep any flammable items/liquids away from the BBQ.** This includes the use of hand sanitizers.
- **Never lean over a grill** when lighting it or in use.
- **Never throw water on a grease fire.**



CHECK THE HOSE ATTACHED TO YOUR TANK. REPLACE IF CRACKED OR DAMAGED.

DO's and DON'T's for Handling a BBQ

DO...

- Keep loose clothing away from a hot BBQ.
- Keep children and pets at a safe distance.
- Turn gas valve off first when finished, then turn off the burner controls, so no gas is left in the connecting hose.
- Allow the BBQ to cool completely before closing the cover.

DON'T...

- Leave the BBQ unattended when in use.
- Allow grease to build up on the burners, lid or at the base of the BBQ as this could cause a grease fire.
- Throw water on a grease fire – this will only spread the flame.
- Position your BBQ too close to wooden or vinyl fences or walls. Make sure the area behind your BBQ is free of combustible material, since this is where hot gases escape.

BBQing on a Balcony

IF permitted to BBQ on your balcony:

- Your balcony must be open, with no enclosures or walls that could restrict airflow.
- You must keep your propane cylinder on the balcony and connected to your barbecue.
- Keep your barbecue clear of any combustible material.
- Make sure the propane cylinder's relief valve is at least one metre from any building opening. Also make sure it is three metres from any mechanical air intake.
- When transporting a propane cylinder to your apartment or condo, you must use a service elevator. If your building has no service elevators, you may use the passenger elevator, but you must be alone in the elevator.

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