

BE BBQ SAFE

Whether you are an old hand at the barbecue or planning your first outdoor cook-up, there are some simple tips that you should follow to ensure that you and your guests stay safe.

- Always take care when using cooking fires, and if you are the cook, don't drink too much alcohol and don't get distracted. That's when accidents happen
- Never leave the barbecue unattended
- Never, ever use petrol or paraffin to start or revive your barbecue, only use recognised lighters or starter fuels on cold coals
- Keep the barbecue well away from sheds, fences, trees and garden waste – they can catch fire quickly, especially in dry weather
- Make sure children and animals stay well away from the barbecue

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- Keep a bucket of water, sand or hose nearby for emergencies
- When you've finished cooking, make sure the barbecue is properly extinguished and cold before you try to move it
- Never put the ashes straight into the bin. If they are hot, they could start a fire
- Never light a barbecue indoors!

If you are using a bottled gas barbecue, you need to take special care when you are turning it on and off.

- Turn off the gas tap before you change the gas cylinder
- Change the cylinder in the open air if you can
- When you have finished cooking, turn off the gas cylinder before you turn off the barbecue controls. This ensures any gas in the pipeline is used up



Follow these safety tips and enjoy a safe barbecue summer. Find out more on preventing fires and keeping safe at



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