

LIGHT IT RIGHT

Take these steps in the right order when igniting a BBQ:

1. Open the lid.
2. Turn on gas valve on tank.
3. Turn on grill controls or heat settings.
4. Take a step back.
5. Push the igniter button. If there is no igniter button, insert a long match or BBQ lighter through the side burner hole first, then turn on the heat control knob. If the burner does not ignite right away, turn the gas off and wait five minutes, keeping the lid open, before repeating the procedure.

KEEP IT SAFE

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.



NEVER BARBECUE IN A GARAGE, TENT OR OTHER ENCLOSED SPACE.

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

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BBQ SAFETY



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PUT SAFETY IN YOUR SIZZLE

Few things can match the fun and enjoyment of a barbecue with family and friends. Practise sensible, safe barbecuing and your summer get-together will be a sizzling success.

THREE-STEP CHECK

At the start of the BBQ season, do this three-step safety check of your BBQ:

- 1. Clean:** Use a pipe cleaner or wire to ensure burner ports are free of rust, dirt, spider webs or other debris.
- 2. Check:** Examine the hose leading from the tank to the burners. Replace if cracked or damaged.
- 3. 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.



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



DO'S AND DON'TS 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; and
- 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 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; and
- Position your BBQ too close to wooden fences or walls. Make sure the area behind your BBQ is free of combustible material, since this is where hot gases escape.

BBQ ON THE BALCONY YES OR NO?

NO IF...

- Prohibited by the bylaws or rules of your condominium; or
- Prohibited by the building owner or property manager of a rental property.

YES, BUT ONLY IF...

- The balcony is open (no enclosures or walls have been erected);
- A propane cylinder is transported in a service elevator. When there are no service elevators, you may use the passenger elevator, but you must be alone;
- The cylinder is kept on the balcony and connected to the BBQ;
- The BBQ is kept clear of combustible material as listed on the BBQ's rating plate or in the certified instructions; and
- The propane cylinder relief valve is at least one metre horizontally from any building opening below it, and three metres from a building air intake.