

# BBQ safety

BBQs produce carbon monoxide (CO), which is a highly poisonous gas. Without enough fresh air CO can kill quickly with no warning.



## Follow these simple tips for BBQ safety:

- ☑ Never take a smouldering or lit BBQ (charcoal or gas) into a tent, caravan or cabin. Even if you have finished cooking your BBQ will still give off fumes for some hours after use.
- ☑ Never use a BBQ inside to keep you warm.
- ☑ Never leave a lit BBQ unattended or while sleeping.
- ☑ Only use BBQs in accordance with the operating instructions.
- ☑ Place your cooking area well away from your tent. Always ensure there is enough fresh air where the BBQ is being used.
- ☑ Remember the six main symptoms of CO poisoning – headaches, dizziness, breathlessness, nausea, collapse and loss of consciousness. If concerned, seek medical help immediately.

## Follow these extra tips if you are using gas camping equipment:



- ☑ Check that the appliance is in good order and that hoses are properly attached and undamaged. If in doubt get the hoses replaced or don't use it.
- ☑ Make sure the gas tap or cylinder valve is turned off before changing the gas cylinder. Only change the cylinder in the open air.
- ☑ Don't over-tighten joints.
- ☑ Never take a gas stove, light or heater into a tent, caravan, or cabin unless it is a permanent fixture, which is installed and maintained correctly by a Gas Safe registered engineer.
- ☑ When you have finished cooking, turn off the gas cylinder before you turn off the BBQ controls – this means any gas in the hose and pipework will be used up.
- ☑ Read the manufacturer's instructions about how to check for gas escapes from hoses or pipework, e.g. brushing leak detection solution around all joints and looking for bubbles.

Gas Safe Register is the official list of gas engineers who are legally allowed to work on gas appliances.

Gas Safe Register is here to help keep you and your family safe.

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