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Barbecues

Face the facts

Cooking on a barbecue usually involves gas or electricity with high temperatures so you should take the following precautions

- Set up the barbecue on a firm level base in a well ventilated area away from flammable objects;
- Keep children and pets away at least two metres from the barbecue when cooking;
- Use long handled barbecue utensils and flameproof mitts;
- Do not light a barbecue with the lid closed;
- Keep a fire extinguisher, fire blanket or garden hose nearby in case of fire;
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing when cooking;
- Make sure you turn off the gas cylinder when you have finished;
- Never leave the barbecue unattended when cooking;
- Do not use petrol to light wooden fuel barbecues.

REMEMBER: Barbecues can be dangerous if not used correctly.



Before using a barbecue, clean the barbecue thoroughly and check all gas and electric connections for cracks, splits and wear.

You can check for leaks by spraying soapy water on the connections. A bubble will form if there is a leak.

Do not use a barbecue inside a garage or other enclosed areas due to the potential build up of harmful smoke and fumes.

To avoid grease fires ensure that the grease pan or dripping pan is cleaned regularly.

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