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# Barbecue

## Fire Safety

### Coal Barbecues

- » **Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby for emergencies.**
- » Never leave a barbecue unattended.
- » Never use a barbecue indoors.
- » Make sure your barbecue is well away from sheds, fences, shrubs or garden waste.
- » Only use enough charcoal to cover the base of the barbecue.
- » Ensure the barbecue is cool before moving it.
- » Empty the ashes onto bare garden soil and not into wheelie bins as burning embers could cause a fire.
- » Don't drink too much if you are in charge of the barbecue.
- » Never use petrol or paraffin to start or revive your barbecue; use only recognised lighters or starter fuels on cold coals.

### Top tip





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## Gas Barbecues

» **Never store gas cylinders under the stairs - if there is a fire they might explode and block your escape route.**

- » Store gas cylinders outside, away from direct sunlight and frost.
- » Make sure the valve is turned off before changing the gas cylinder.
- » After cooking, turn the gas supply off first and then the barbecue control. This will stop any gas from leaking.
- » If you suspect a leak, turn off the gas cylinder and try brushing soapy water around all joints, watching for bubbles.
- » Change gas cylinders outdoors or in a well ventilated area.

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