

# Barbecue Safety Tips

- Use only grills bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding set-up, clearance, safety and maintenance
- Place your grill - on a hard, level, non-combustible surface, the recommended distance from combustibles – including exterior of a structure
- When in use, always open lid slowly and carefully as heat and steam trapped within can severely burn

- Unless designed for indoor use, use your grill outdoors only
- Never leave your grill unattended while cooking
- Keep children at least 3 feet away from your grill
- Inspect and clean your grill each year, preferably prior to first use

## FOR GAS GRILLS

- After barbecuing, make sure the barbecue and gas supply are turned off, the burner flames are out and the lid is closed
- To prevent excessive gas build-up, when using a match, always light the match before turning on the gas
- If the barbecue is equipped with an electronic igniter, follow the directions on the control panel
- Both propane and natural gas flames should be mostly blue with yellow tips. If the flame is mostly yellow, do not use the barbecue. Contact a qualified gasfitter
- Prevent grease from dripping onto the hoses or cylinder. Grease build-up is a fire hazard

### Maintenance

- Clean the tubes underneath the burner – insects and debris can accumulate inside these tubes
- If your barbecue connection area has an “o” ring, check it every time you connect the cylinder. Replace missing, deformed, cracked or damaged “o” rings
- After connecting a propane cylinder, check hose integrity and hose connections to ensure there is no release of gas

## FOR CHARCOAL GRILLS

- Do not use a charcoal grill within 8 feet of walls, structures or buildings
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited
- Do not use on wooden decks, wooden furniture or other combustible surfaces

### Checking for Gas Leaks

- Use a solution of equal parts soap and water
- With the appliance turned off, brush the solution over all connections
- Open the cylinder valve and bubbles will form when there is a leak
- If you find a leak, close the cylinder valve and contact a certified gasfitter. After repairs are completed, repeat the leak test until there are no leaks

### Cylinder Safety

- Never store a propane cylinder in a building or a garage
- Propane cylinders must be inspected and re-certified every 10 years. Check your propane cylinder for date of manufacture
- Never store extra propane cylinders under or near your barbecue. Excess heat may overpressure the cylinder and cause it to release propane from the cylinder relief valve

- Do not use in high winds
- Never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid
- Always empty ash catcher and grill after each use once they have cooled