

## Be carbon monoxide aware

Deaths have occurred because people put barbecues near their tents.

Never place a barbecue inside or near the opening of a tent or caravan.

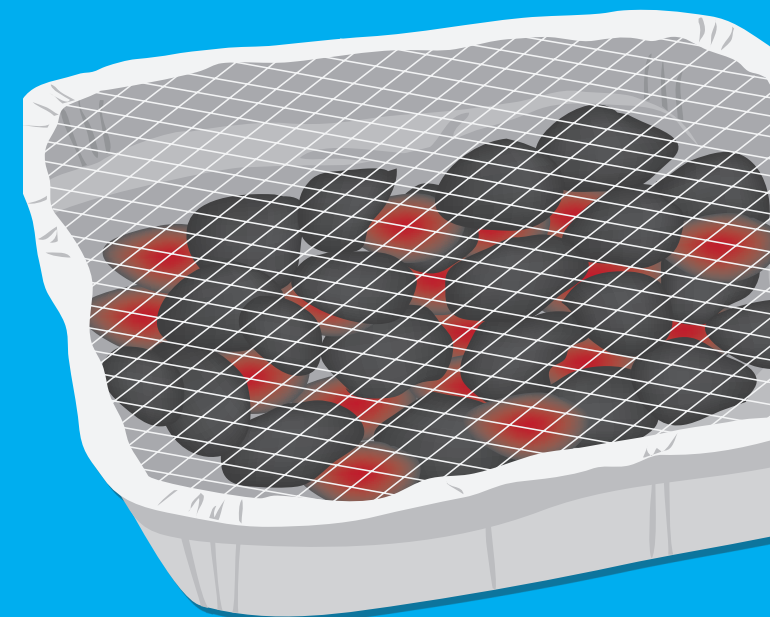
Barbecues give off fumes for hours after you have used them - levels high enough to result in CO poisoning.

Opening tent flaps, doors, or windows is **not enough** to prevent build-up of CO concentrations.



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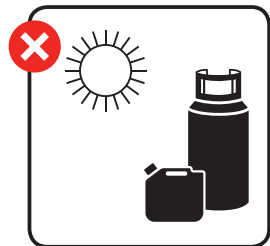


# BBQ safety

Enjoy your barbecue safely this summer with our top tips.

## Gas barbecues

- Store gas cylinders outside and protect from direct sunlight and frost. Do not store more cylinders than you need.
- Take care when turning bottled gas barbecues on and off.
- Make sure the gas is turned off before changing the gas cylinder and always change cylinders in the open air or in a well-ventilated area.
- After cooking, turn the gas supply off first and then the barbecue control. This will stop any gas from leaking.
- Do not use the barbecue if you suspect a gas leak.
- Ensure your gas barbecue is correctly serviced and make sure all joints are tightened, safe and secure.



## Charcoal barbecues

- Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby for emergencies.
- Always follow safety instructions.
- Never leave a lit barbecue unattended.
- Ensure that you site your barbecue well away from fences, sheds, trees, shrubs and garden waste.
- Only use enough charcoal to cover the base of the barbecue.
- Be sure to keep children, pets and garden games away from the barbecue area.
- Do not empty ashes into dustbins or wheelie bins. If the ashes are hot they can melt the plastic and cause a fire.
- Never use petrol or paraffin to start or revive your barbecue or chiminea fire, only use recognised lighters or starter fuel on cold coals.



## Disposable barbecues

In addition to our top tips for using charcoal barbecues, the following should also be remembered when using disposable varieties.

- Study the user instructions carefully and follow them closely.
- Only use a barbecue in very well ventilated areas.
- Never place the barbecue on anything flammable - the foil base gets very hot.
- Leave the barbecue to cool down before attempting to move it - this may take several hours.
- Make sure that the barbecue is fully extinguished by pouring plenty of water or sand onto it.
- Do not place a disposable barbecue in a rubbish bin until it has cooled down completely.
- Make sure your barbecue is placed on level ground where it will not tip over. Bricks or a paving slab is ideal.
- Never use a barbecue indoors or inside a tent, the carbon monoxide that they produce can kill.