

# BBQ safety

**BBQs produce carbon monoxide which is a highly poisonous substance. Without an adequate supply of fresh air it can kill quickly with no warning. Stay safe and 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 appliances in accordance with the operating instructions.
- ✓ Place your cooking area well away from your tent. Always ensure there is an adequate supply of fresh air where the BBQ is being used.
- ✓ Remember the six main signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning – headaches, dizziness, breathlessness, nausea, collapse and loss of consciousness. If concerned, seek medical advice.

**For more information visit  
[GasSafeRegister.co.uk/BBQ](https://www.gasregisters.co.uk/BBQ)  
or call **0800 408 5500****



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

- ✓ Check that the appliance is in good order, undamaged and that hoses are properly attached and undamaged. If in doubt get the hoses replaced or don't use it.
- ✓ Make sure the gas taps or cylinder valve are turned off before changing the gas cylinder. Only do it 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, installed and maintained correctly.
- ✓ 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 there to help keep you and your family safe.

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