

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.

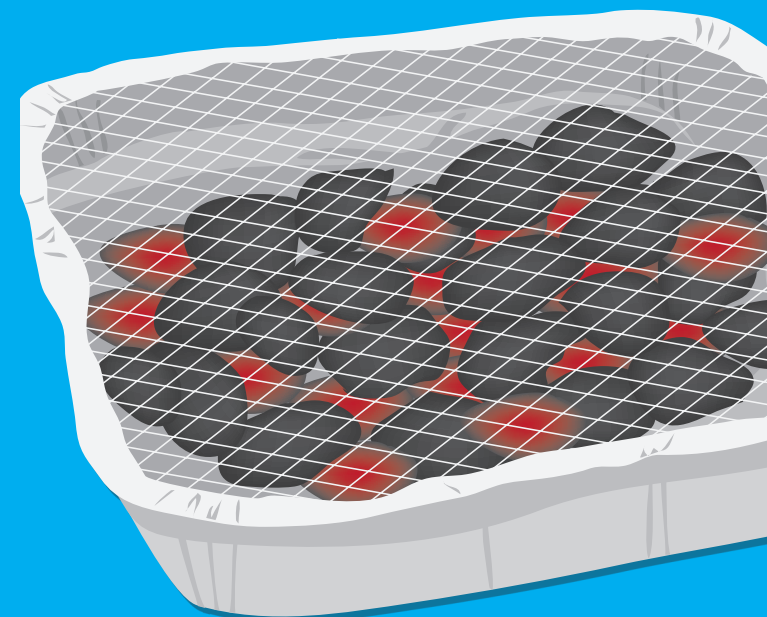
Barbecues give off fumes for hours after you have used them - levels high enough to result in CO poisoning.

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



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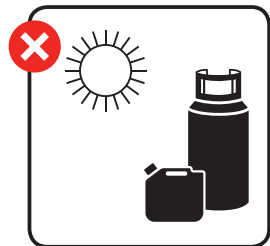


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Enjoy your barbecue safely this summer with our top tips.

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.