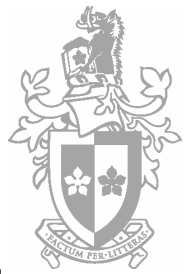


Health & Safety Information Sheet

Storage, Use & Maintenance of Barbeques



A number of barbeques are located at the various Swinburne campuses. OHS recommends management units adopt the following strategies to ensure the appropriate storage and safe use of barbeques.

Location of Barbeque

- Choose an appropriate outdoor area which is situated on a level base, sheltered from wind gusts and well away from any flammable objects or structures
- Use the barbeque in a well ventilated area as fumes and gases emitted may be harmful

Seasonal Barbeque Check

Before turning on the barbeque following a period of non-use check that it is safe and ready for use.

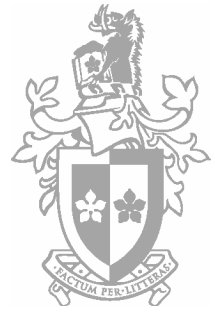
- Read the instruction manual to refresh your memory of its operations
- Inspect the burner and gas supply tubes for any blockages such as spider webs, fat & grease build up or rusted areas that could slow the flow of gas
- Check all hoses for worn or frayed rubber. Replace if in doubt.
- Check all connections with a soap solution to make sure they are tight and not leaking.
- Inspect and / or replace lava or ceramic rock. Clean lava rock will distribute heat evenly to the surface and reduce flare-ups

When using the barbeque

- Ensure that the use of the barbeque is complying with any fire restrictions that may be in place
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions and use the correct start up and shut down procedures
- Ensure the container which captures fat run off is sturdy, securely attached and of sufficient size

Gas Bottles

- It is recommended that management units utilise the 'Swap & Go' option for gas bottles to ensure gas bottles remain safe & that testing is up to date. Energy Safe approves of the cylinder exchange system for gas refills because cylinder safety checks are done at each refill with well trained staff under controlled conditions
- When replacing the cylinder make sure the cylinder is well secured so it can't roll around the vehicle; consider manual handling implications when carrying gas cylinders as the cylinders can be heavy. Put strategies in place to minimise manual handling of the cylinder.
- Always keep cylinders upright, they shouldn't be laid on their side
- If the gas cylinder is the property of the management unit ensure that the cylinder undergoes the standard 10 year re-certification test, which includes a visual inspection for damage inside and outside and valve



replaced. Once certified the cylinder is stamped indicating date inspected

Maintenance & Storage

- Where possible store the barbeque outside; Keep the barbeque covered with a weatherproof cover if kept outside
- It is good practice to keep the gas cylinder attached to the barbeque whilst it is being stored – ensure the cylinder valve is OFF
- Ensure the barbeque is serviced and maintained correctly including scheduled pressure testing of any gas cylinders and checking of the condition of all hoses and connections
- Consider barbeque storage location and frequency of use of barbeque so manual handling of the barbeque is kept to a minimum

