

# CAMP STOVE/BBQ PROCEDURE

## 1. Operation and Use

1. Ensure that your stove or barbeque is serviced and maintained correctly including scheduled pressure testing of any gas cylinders and checking of the condition of all hoses and connections.
2. OPERATE your stove outside, not inside a tent, annex or caravan, or anywhere else with poor ventilation which could lead to fire or asphyxiation.
3. If a gas leak does occur shut off the cylinder immediately and allow any gas to dissipate.
4. Always site a stove or barbeque on a firm, level base sheltered from wind gusts and well away from anything flammable.
5. Carry out a check of the cylinder for rust or damage and ensure any connections are correctly tightened on gas stoves and barbeques before lighting
6. Have a supply of water available at all times.
7. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and use the correct start up and shut down procedures.
8. Ensure that the lit stove or barbeque is in the care of a responsible adult at all times.
9. Never put any flammable liquid on a stove or barbeque
10. Keep children away from any stove or barbeque and remember to remove and secure any lighters and matches.
11. PRESSURIZED BUTANE CYLINDERS require special care.
12. Do not change or unseat cartridges when a stove or lantern is burning.
13. Check to make sure detached cartridges aren't leaking before striking matches inside a tent.

## 2. A Word of Caution & Fire Safety Tips

- Do not use a stove inside of your tent.
- Remember that LPG is flammable, heavier than air and may remain in areas for some time
- Clear the surrounding area of combustibles before lighting a stove or barbeque

## 3. In an Emergency

- The most important thing is personal safety, do not compromise it.
- Clear the area of all personnel immediately, and make things safe if possible without a delay (ie: if a pan of something is cooking on the other ring remove the pan, but do not stop to turn off the burner).
- Never attempt to move the bottle, as this may make things worse, and if it explodes when you are carrying the bottle you would probably not survive to regret it.
- You should not turn the gas off at the bottle.
- A flame in tubing is controllable as long as the pressure stays up.
- The pressure pushing the gas out of the hole prevents the flame retreating up the tube and igniting the gas bottle.
- A complete severance of the tube would cause a flame thrower type effect.
- Don't be tempted to think that you can disconnect it and be quicker than the flame can travel up the pipe - you're not!
- The best thing that you can do in any emergency involving gas is to firstly make sure everyone is well clear of the emergency
- and call 000 for emergency and ask for the Fire department.
- The next thing is to call assistance from the Camp superintendent. An Incident Report will need to be completed.
- Never be tempted to deal with it yourself, as with many things untrained hands can make things worse than doing nothing.