

## WILDFIRES

### Don't be the cause of wildfire mayhem!

- ✗ It may seem like a good idea to take a barbecue to the park or countryside, but they can easily start fires and a fire in the open can quickly get out of control.
- ✗ Never light a barbecue on dry moorland or grass - it's a recipe for disaster.
- ⚠ In many areas, it is now illegal to light barbecues or camp fires, and you can be prosecuted for doing so.
- ✓ If you are barbecuing away from home, only ever choose areas with designated barbecue spaces, away from flammable surfaces or vegetation.

*Fit a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test your alarms weekly. A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time to get out, stay out and call 999. If you are caring for someone who doesn't understand what the smoke alarm is for, or wouldn't be able to respond in the event of a fire, make sure that you arrange a Safe and Well visit, with their permission, to look at solutions.*



## CONTACT US

For free Safe and Well advice:

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## BARBECUE SAFETY

### SAFE AND WELL



GREATER MANCHESTER  
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service visits households across Greater Manchester to provide advice on fire safety and to keep you safe and well at home.

If you haven't already had your Safe and Well visit and want further information, please telephone **0800 555 815** or send an email to [\*\*contact@manchesterfire.gov.uk\*\*](mailto:contact@manchesterfire.gov.uk).

Alternatively you can visit our website at: [\*\*manchesterfire.gov.uk\*\*](http://manchesterfire.gov.uk)

*Cooking on a barbecue is great fun, but it can also be dangerous, especially if you become distracted by friends and family or you've been drinking alcohol.*

**Follow these simple steps to stay safe when cooking on a barbecue:**

- ✓ Make sure that your barbecue is in good working order.
- ✓ Ensure your barbecue is on a safe, flat surface and well away from buildings, fences, plants, garden furniture and any other items which could catch fire.
- ✗ Do not use barbecues on your balcony under any circumstances.
- ✓ To light a charcoal barbecue only use barbecue lighter fuel or firelighters.
- ✗ Never use petrol, paraffin or other flammable liquids to light a barbecue.
- ✗ Once your barbecue is lit, never add more liquid fuel.
- ✗ Never leave a lit barbecue unattended.
- ✗ Never light or take barbecues indoors, or into tents or other confined spaces. Carbon monoxide is a deadly gas which can build up easily in an enclosed space.
- ⚠ Alcohol consumption increases the risk of accidents occurring. Always take care when cooking.
- ✓ Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby for emergencies.
- ✓ When you've finished cooking, make sure the barbecue is cool before trying to move it.
- ✓ Always extinguish the coals using water and empty ashes onto bare garden soil.
- ✗ Never put ashes straight into a dustbin or wheelie bin.
- ✓ Keep children, garden games and pets well away from the cooking area.
- ✓ Keep children away from matches, cigarettes and open fires.

## GAS BARBECUES

- ✓ Take special care when turning bottled gas barbecues on and off.
- ✓ Make sure the tap is turned off before changing the gas cylinder.
- ✓ Change gas cylinders outdoors or in a well ventilated area.
- ✓ When you've finished cooking turn off the gas cylinder before you turn off the barbecue controls. This will stop any gas from leaking.

## STORING GAS CYLINDERS

- ✓ Store gas cylinders outside.
- ✓ Keep gas cylinders away from frost and direct sunlight.
- ✗ Never store gas cylinders under the stairs of your home - if you are upstairs this is your means of escape from a fire.
- ✗ Never store flammable materials like gas on a balcony.

## ENJOY YOURSELF

***but remember – too much alcohol and fire never mix!***

