Summer’s Here! Let’s get out the Barbeque!

Summer is a great time to enjoy yourself but is not time to be spending in hospital! Think safety when you pull out that highly explosive tool.

**Here are some tips to follow to keep safe:**

- Have an “ABC” fire extinguisher handy. Never try to put out a barbeque fire with water!
- Set up the barbeque in a safe place away from bushes, shrubs or open windows. Be sure it is on a stable surface and not in the path of people.
- Do not set it up inside a tent or garage.
- Be sure the cylinder is safe. Check the date stamp to be sure it is not 10 years old. If it is, exchange it for a new cylinder. Before using it, check for leaks. Leave the barbeque valve off and completely open the cylinder valve. Spread soapy water on all fittings and hose. If bubbles appear, you have a leak. Do not use the cylinder or the barbeque until all repairs are made.
- Check under the barbeque and around valves for wasp or spider nests that can catch fire or block air flow when the barbeque is lit.
- If you turn on the gas and it does not light right away, turn off the gas leave the hood up and wait 5 minutes before trying again. Do not let gas flow if barbeque does not light. The gas can accumulate and explode when you try to light it again.
- Use a long lighter or a long match to start the barbeque and have it lit and ready to use when you open the controls.
- Once the barbeque is lit, remove matches/lighter from the reach of children.
- Keep children away and never leave a burning barbeque unattended.
- Do not wear loose fitting sleeves or scarves that might catch fire.
- When you are finished barbequing, turn off the cylinder valve first and then the controls to burn off excess gas in the lines.
- Close the lid to protect the burners from the weather.
- Place in a shaded place. Store cylinders upright in well ventilated shed away from children. Do not store cylinder in garage or indoors. Keep cylinder away from flammables or combustibles (such as paint or paint products).

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