Enjoy a fire safe barbecue

Been a while since you last used your gas barbecue? Follow these **three steps** to be sure it’s safe.

1. **Check to see if the cylinder is damaged**
   Don’t try to refill a damaged cylinder – exchange it a reputable supplier.

2. **Check the hose to make sure it hasn’t deteriorated**
   Spray the hose and regulator connections with soapy water – if soap bubbles appear, you’ll know that gas is escaping. This means you’ll need to either correct the connections or replace your hose.

3. **Check that your barbecue is clean**
   Excess fat or residue can cause a fire.

If a fire does start from a gas leak, don’t try to extinguish the flames. Turn off the gas at the cylinder, but only if it’s safe to do so.

More safety tips

- Keep plenty of clear space between your barbecue and anything flammable.
- Be aware that if wind blows the flame out, unburnt gas can build up to dangerous levels. If this happens, turn off the gas at the cylinder, and wait a few minutes before you light the barbecue again.
- Using a barbecue indoors is illegal.

To report a fire or emergency call Triple Zero (000)