

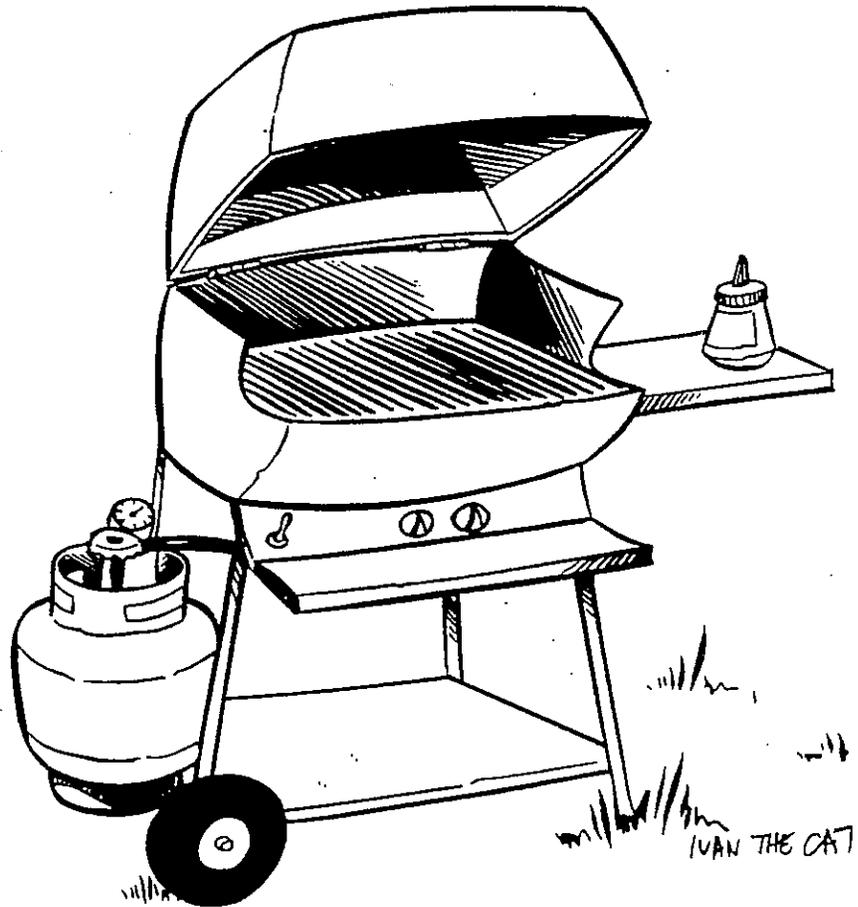
# Recreational Safety

## Barbecue With Safety This Summer

Owners of natural gas and propane barbecues can tell you of their convenience, but handle these barbecues with care. Fuel gas, sparks and air are an explosive combination! If gas barbecues aren't properly used and maintained, they can literally blow their tops!

Don't let careless and unsafe barbecuing practices ruin your summer fun. Take the time to carefully read the manufacturer's operating instructions before the first use, and follow these important safety tips:

- Never light a gas barbecue with the lid down. Gas trapped inside can easily ignite and cause the unit to explode. Always light the barbecue as soon as the gas flow is turned on. If the barbecue doesn't light or goes out, turn off the valves, leave the lid open, wait five minutes and then try again.
- Don't move the barbecue while it's lit. When you are finished cooking, turn the cylinder valve off first, then the appliance valve. This allows all the gas in the lines to be cleared and burned off.
- Whether you are using a natural gas, propane, electric or charcoal barbecue, avoid wearing loose-fitting clothes. Use fire-resistant barbecue mitts and utensils with long handles. Keep water handy to stop flare-ups; sand would work in an emergency.
- Store propane barbecues and spare cylinders outdoors in the shade. Never leave them inside a vehicle or



building. Leaking propane gas is heavier than air and collects in confined areas. If exposed to sparks or flames, the accumulated gas could cause a serious explosion.

- Don't cook in garages or sheds. When propane barbecues are used in an enclosed area, a dangerous and potentially fatal build-up of carbon monoxide is produced.

When transporting a propane

cylinder, secure it in an upright position and thread a POL Safety Plug (available at dealers) into the outlet of the cylinder. If transporting the cylinder in the trunk, prop the trunk open; if in the back seat, leave the passenger windows open. Never paint a propane cylinder a dark color as this could cause it to absorb extra heat.

*Make the safe operation of your barbecue a summer tradition.*