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- Barbecue Safety
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- EDITH — Exit Drills in the Home
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- High-Rise Fire Safety (also available in Spanish)
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One of the great pleasures of summer is eating and cooking outdoors with family and friends. The popularity of this activity is attested to by the great number and variety of outdoor grills or "barbecues" being sold each year.

Such grills can be fun to cook on and provide delicious food, but they can also be dangerous. None of them are foolproof, and all should be handled with care.

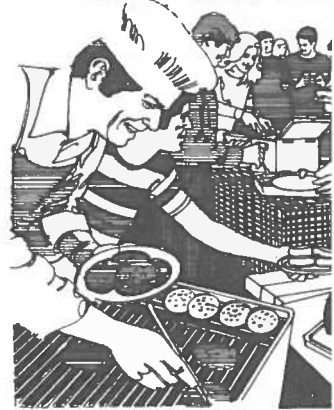
Liquefied Petroleum Gas

Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) when used to fire a home barbecue, is contained under pressure in a steel cylinder. The contents of an LPG cylinder, vaporized and in a confined area, has the explosive force of several sticks of dynamite. Therefore, the wise user of LPG will be aware of the dangers involved and the precautions that must be taken to avoid accidents.

No LPG burner should ever be ignited until the following steps are taken:

- Read the manufacturer's instructions and be sure you thoroughly understand them.
- **Do not** transport LPG cylinders in the trunk of a passenger vehicle. A filled cylinder should always be transported in an upright position on the floor of a vehicle with all windows open. Remove the cylinder from the vehicle as soon as possible.
- **Never leave a cylinder in a parked vehicle.**
- Use the proper size wrench to make sure that all connections are tight. *Remember: fittings on flammable gas cylinders have left-hand threads, requiring effort in a counterclockwise direction to tighten.* To make sure that connections are tight, apply a soapy solution to detect leaks. If any bubbles are produced the connections must be tightened further.
- Make sure that grease is not allowed to drip on the hose or cylinders.

- Never let children use a grill.
- Never use a gas-fired grill in an enclosed structure.
- Never store any LPG cylinder, the barbecue or spares — in an enclosed structure, including porches.
- Store cylinders, including grills, outdoors in a shaded area, out of direct sunlight.



Charcoal

Although charcoal may be considered safer than LP gas, it is just as dangerous. The following precautions in using charcoal are important:

- **Never** use charcoal barbecue grills in an enclosed space. Combustion of charcoal produces carbon monoxide gas, which — even in small amounts — can cause injury or death.
 - Once a fire has been started, never add any liquid. Fire may follow the liquid to the container, causing a dangerous flaming liquid.
 - Use great caution in disposing of charcoal. Ashes may contain live coals and can start a fire if not disposed of properly. One method is to wet ashes thoroughly before emptying the barbecue.
- Follow these precautions to ensure safe eating in health, happiness and safety. **Don't be tempted by a rain barrel. Don't use rainwater for cooking equipment inside — or on a porch or balcony.**