

Barbecue safety tips this summer – Podcast Transcript

Reporter Script:

Flipping burgers in the backyard - Canadians love to cook outdoors but BBQing can be dangerous. Each year there are dozens of injuries and thousands of dollars in structural damage due to careless use of a BBQ.

The Aboriginal Firefighters' Association of Canada and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada have teamed up on a year round *BeFireSafe* campaign to promote fire safety on reserve. Leon Smallboy, fire safety coordinator with the Aboriginal Firefighters' Association of Canada says it's important to use common sense during BBQ season.

Spokesperson Quote:

"A few tips would include being sure to clean your BBQ thoroughly and testing connections with soapy water to ensure there are no gas leaks before lighting. If you discover a leak, the safest approach to be fire safe is to replace the hose or tank."

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Smallboy recommends storing propane cylinders away from buildings and in an upright, vertical position making certain the cylinder valve is turned off. Also remember to keep the area of your home where you BBQ free of combustible materials such as tires and dried grass.

Spokesperson Quote:

"And never to cook immediately beside your house or near a fresh air intake to the home."

For additional tips on open fires, BBQ safety and rules and laws in your province or territory, contact your local parks branch, fire department, provincial fire marshal/commissioner's office, or visit the [Aboriginal Firefighters' Association of Canada website](#).