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## **RVs, Trailers and Campers: Propane and Barbecue Safety Tips**

### **When Transporting Cylinders:**

- Ensure propane cylinders are upright and secure during transport.
- Keep cylinder valves closed and protected during transport.
- Plug or cap cylinder outlets during transport.

### **When Using Cylinders:**

- Ensure cylinders are upright and secure on a firm footing.
- Check cylinder connections and hoses for leaks by brushing a 50/50 mix of liquid soap and water onto all connections and hoses. Rising bubbles when you turn on the valve indicate a leak. Tighten connections or repair the hose until there are no bubbles.
- Keep cylinders away from flame, heat, and exits.

### **Using Propane in your RV or Camper:**

- Keep all combustion exhaust vents on the exterior wall of your RV or camper clear of obstructions.
- Use stovetop burners or ovens only for cooking and not as a source of heat.
- Propane appliances require an adequate supply of fresh air for proper combustion. Ensure your RV or camper is properly ventilated to prevent build-up of carbon monoxide.
- Install a carbon monoxide alarm and propane leak detector.

### **Barbecue Safety:**

- Ensure barbecues are on firm, level footing.
- Keep barbecues well away from the side of your RV, camper or tent, and other combustibles.
- Make sure igniter buttons work properly before turning the gas on. If there is no igniter, insert a long match or barbecue lighter through the side burner hole before you turn on the grill controls.
- Keep barbecues clean of grease to prevent flare-ups.
- Stay by the grill when cooking and keep kids and pets at a safe distance.
- Turn off all burner controls and tank valves after each use.

See the [Technical Standards and Safety Authority's website](#) for more safety tips.

Yours truly,

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