

	OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE	
<u>Under Review:</u> Contact Patrick Mohammed, Senior Manager, Occupational Health and Safety at: 416-397-3210		
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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:		

Purpose: To provide information about the safe use of barbecues at school events

If your school function will include use of a gas barbecue, you should know the following information. The use of propane barbecues is regulated by the Energy Act and the Propane Utilization Code, and is enforced by the provincial Technical Standards and Safety Association (TSSA). The regulations govern propane equipment that is owned by a school. Legal opinion has determined that an “end user” such as a parent or staff member bringing his/her barbecue from home onto school property is exempt from the regulations. There are, however, several “good practice” considerations that principals should adopt when using a barbecue at a school event:

- The principal must approve the use of a barbecue at an event.
- You are encouraged to take advantage of the barbecue loan program sponsored by Enbridge/Consumers Gas. For more information, call 416-293-4911 or see their web page at
- http://www.cgc.enbridge.com/G/G04-03-01_barbecue.html
- If someone (parent, staff member, community group) wishes to lend a barbecue for the event, it must be in good operating condition.
- Only qualified persons (i.e., certified under the Act and regulations) may make repairs to the barbecue.
- Ensure that a full tank of propane is provided to avoid having to switch tanks during the barbecue.
- It is against the law to store a propane cylinder indoors when it contains or has contained propane.
- The person operating the barbecue should be knowledgeable in its safe and proper use.
- Keep a fire extinguisher (type ABC) readily available.

For further information on safe use of barbecues, please refer to the TSSA Web site: www.tssa.org. It includes advice about lighting and operating procedures, testing for

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leaks, transporting and storage, and general safety reminders. Follow these reminders for a successful barbecue.

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