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USE OF BARBEQUES ON BALCONIES

While there are no municipal bylaws in Cobourg regarding barbeques on balconies, the *Propane Storage and Handling Code* (CAN/CSA-B149.2-05) regulates the storage, handling and transfer of propane and the installation of appliances and equipment.

Propane fueled barbeques are regulated by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA). The TSSA has provided the following requirements with regards to propane barbeques:

- Barbeques are approved for outdoor use only.
- Propane cylinders must be safely stored and transported.
- Propane cylinders are not to be stored inside any structure.
- Always transport and store cylinders in an upright position.
- Barbecuing on balconies of apartment buildings or condominium apartments may be prohibited by lease agreements or by the *Condominium Act* (as the owner(s) or agent(s) for the property, building owners, property managers and/or condominium corporations have the legal authority to prohibit barbecuing on the property).
- Propane cylinders are to be transported in a service elevator or, when there are no service elevators, the person must use the passenger elevator alone to transport the cylinder
- Barbeques must be kept clear of all combustible materials as listed on the barbeque rating plate or certified instructions or must be a minimum of one metre (3 feet) from combustible materials.
- Propane cylinder relief valves must be at least one metre (3 feet) horizontally from any building opening below it (including doors and windows); three metres (10 feet) horizontally from the air intake of any appliance or air-moving equipment; and three metres (10 feet) from any source of ignition.

The Cobourg Fire Department and safety experts with the TSSA recommend the following:

- Carefully inspect your barbeque to ensure that the burner is free of obstructions, rust or debris.
- Replace any damaged parts with the appropriate replacement parts.
- Test all gas connections for leaks with a 50/50 solution of water and dish soap.
- Do not leave the barbeque unattended when in use.