

# FIRE – make your garden safe

## Barbecues and bonfires

✗ Never leave your barbecue or bonfire unattended. Put your bonfire out with a hosepipe if you have to leave it.

✓ Empty used ash onto bare garden soil, not your bin.

✗ Never barbecue or bonfire near trees, fences or sheds.

✓ Always keep a bucket of water or hosepipe nearby.



## Cigarettes

✗ Never throw cigarettes onto grass, vegetation or wooden decking.

✓ Always fully extinguish cigarettes and matches.



## Deliberate fires

If you have any information about a deliberate fire, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)



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## Gas cylinders

✗ Never store gas cylinders under the stairs. They can explode in a fire and block your escape.

✓ Always store gas cylinders outside in the shade.



✗ Don't store more cylinders than you need.

✓ Change gas cylinders outdoors in a well ventilated area. Make sure the tap is off before you change cylinders



## Sheds and garages

✓ Keep petrol, solvents and paints in proper containers and make sure they are clearly marked.

✗ Never store them near heat sources or flammable rubbish like paper.

✓ Keep it tidy - recycle old papers, packaging and clothes.



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