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## **IMPORTANT**

### **Houseboat Gas Safety Check List**

#### **To the houseboat owner.**

While houseboats have experienced few gas safety incidents to date, a recent survey by this Office found that over 80% of vessels have a significant safety issue needing correction.

If you own or use a houseboat I urge you to read the attached Houseboat Gas Safety Check List. It may well prevent your next houseboat experience from turning into tragedy.

Go through the list and have any unsafe items corrected. Be sure to have any gas work done by a registered gas fitter, who can advise you if you're unsure about any item.

If you'd like to discuss the list or anything else about gas safety, please Freecall us on 1800 652 563. My expert staff and I will be more than happy to help.

I wish you safe and happy boating!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Gardner".

Ken Gardner  
Director of Gas Safety



## Houseboat Gas Safety Check List

\* Required for new installations by The Gas Installations Code AS 5601 / AG 601.

Ensure this task is done before your next houseboat trip. Then tick the box to record the fact.

### Cooker

Problem	Solution
Explosion from LPG.	Ensure the cooker has a flame failure shut off device. This turns the gas off if supply is interrupted (e.g. when changing or shutting down cylinders). Cut a 75mm x 100mm drain hole under the cooker to let heavier-than-air LPG escape. Ensure the cooker is OFF when connecting a cylinder.
Fire in materials too close to the cooker (e.g. curtains, benches and walls).	Ensure clearances of 600mm above and 200mm to the side of burners.* Ensure curtains are even further away. Take extra care when using big pots and pans (which increase the risk).
Burns from flames, hot surfaces (e.g. an open oven door) or contents of upset pots and pans.	Secure the cooker to the wall or floor. Warn your children and keep them away when cooking.
Respiratory (e.g. asthma) and heart problems triggered by cooker fumes.	Provide ventilation (e.g. a gap under the door or a range hood vented to the outside). Maintain burners and gas controls regularly. Don't use the cooker to heat the room.
Fire in a dirty range hood filter.	Clean the hood regularly.
Fire in an overheated pan, wok or fryer.	Always watch your cooking.

### BBQ

Problem	Solution
Gas leak from a loose connection (the most common source of BBQ incidents).	Check the hose connection at both ends before use.
Gas leak from a damaged hose.	Use an approved hose (i.e. one with 'AS 1869' stamped or printed on it).* Check the hose regularly for cracks. Replace the hose if it's damaged or over five years old.
Fire in materials too close to the BBQ, especially from flaring fat.	Keep the BBQ clean (especially the fat tray) Keep the BBQ away from combustible materials.
Toxic (or fatal) fumes from BBQ cooking.	Only use the BBQ outside.