



The warmer summer months provide us with a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a BBQ with friends and family. Unfortunately, as with all activities that include flammable materials, accidents can - **and do** - occur.

For the safety of tenants residing within our Independent Living Schemes, we have consulted with Lancashire Fire And Rescue Services (**LFRS**) and created a guide that details the rules that must be followed.



Tenants must provide the BBQ themselves, and store it outside away from buildings or flammable objects



The BBQ must be located on a flat, hard standing/flagged area of about 4m², and kept away from trees, fences, sheds or any other flammable objects



Charcoal or similar fuel BBQ's only. Gas and disposable BBQs are **not** to be used



Only use sufficient charcoal to cover the base of the BBQ, approximately 2-3 inches in depth



The BBQ must have a lid so the flames can be contained, and prevent the wind from blowing the flames



Do not use any flammable liquids - firelighters, however, can be used



A bucket of water must be kept next to the BBQ with a weight that the designated person cooking the food is capable of lifting comfortably



A single designated person must be in charge of the BBQ, **and** hold a Food Safety certificate. They must also wear an apron and have fire retardant gloves whilst using the BBQ



The designated person in charge of the BBQ must not be under the influence of drink or drugs, as this would put themselves, and others in danger



The charcoal must be dampened down with water at the end of the BBQ. Once the ashes are cold, they should be put into a metal bucket and disposed of on soil, then doused with water again to make sure they are no longer hot.



Children must be kept away from the preparation area of the BBQ



Routes in and out of the communal lounges/entrances must be kept clear



All persons must adhere to the advice provided by local fire officers for each scheme prior to BBQ taking place