

# Safety | Tips Barbecues on Roofs, Decks and Balconies

## Can I have a barbecue (BBQ) on my balcony?

The Alberta Fire Code prohibits the use of any solid-fuel barbecue in a building or on a balcony containing more than 2 dwelling units. Some examples of solid-fuel barbecues would be wood pellet smokers, charcoal barbeques, wood burning barbeque, etc. It is also important to note that if you reside in a condo, there may be additional condo bylaws that prohibit the use of any solid-fuel building for your and your neighbouring condo units.

**Occupants** are reminded that the **CSA B149.1 Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code** and **CSA B149.2 Propane Storage and Handling Code** both contain requirements for the placement and safe use of barbecues on balconies. However, after a building is occupied it is the **Fire Safety Codes Officer** who is the **authority having jurisdiction** and who performs enforcement in conjunction with building owners when necessary.

The following link provides addition information on requirements under the Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code and CSA B149.2 Propane Storage and Handling Code:

<http://municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/G-05-01-B149-Rev2-OutdoorPropaneAppliances.pdf>

<http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/SafetyTipsNaturalGasandPropaneSafety.pdf>

If you have any questions or need to file a complaint, please contact your local authority having jurisdiction (Fire Department/Fire Prevention Branch) for further direction.

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For more information, please call Municipal Affairs, Safety Services at 1-866-421-6929 or visit [www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca)

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