

# Safety Checklist

## RV propane safety



Do it right. Stay safe.

### Purchasing and maintaining propane equipment

- Purchase RVs with gas appliances that have been inspected and certified by a recreational vehicle shop that is licensed by the BCSA.
- Buy propane equipment that is certified for use in Canada.
- Follow RV manufacturers' instructions for the operation and maintenance of propane equipment.
- Have propane equipment maintained regularly at a BCSA registered RV shop.  
[www.safetyauthority.ca/sites/default/files/FRM-0524-01.pdf](http://www.safetyauthority.ca/sites/default/files/FRM-0524-01.pdf)
- Ensure that your propane cylinders are inspected and recertified every 10 years.

### Use propane appliances safely

Propane appliances may produce carbon monoxide (CO) if they are not working properly. CO is a colourless, odourless gas.

- Use appliances for their intended use only. Never use stove burners or ovens for space heating.
- Never use portable propane camping equipment inside your RV (e.g. camp stoves, barbecues, lanterns, catalytic or radiant heaters).
- Open a vent or window and turn on the range hood fan when using a propane stove or oven.
- Use a Canadian certified CO alarm, in addition to your smoke and propane alarms.
- Check connections for leaks after exchanging propane cylinders. Use a mixture of 50% liquid soap and 50% water applied with a paint brush.

[www.propanegas.ca/PGAC/Safety\\_Home\\_Leaks.asp](http://www.propanegas.ca/PGAC/Safety_Home_Leaks.asp)

### Immediately seek medical attention if anyone shows symptoms of CO poisoning

- headaches
- nausea
- dizziness
- drowsiness
- confusion
- impaired judgment
- lack of physical coordination

### Know the smell of propane

Propane smells like rotten eggs.

If you think you smell propane in your RV:

- Get everyone out of the RV immediately.
- Don't smoke, light matches, operate electrical switches, use either cell or telephones, or create any other source of ignition.
- Turn your gas off at the main cylinder, if safe to do so and you know how.
- Call the area fire department emergency number or 911 from the nearest phone.

### Transporting propane safely

- Do not use or transport damaged propane containers that show signs of corrosion, have been exposed to fire or appear to be leaking.
- Never use, store, or transport propane cylinders or liquid fuels in the passenger space or living area of your RV. Place cylinders in a well-ventilated area.
- Transport cylinders upright and secured.
- Turn off the engine, all appliances and pilot lights before refueling your vehicle.



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