

LP GAS SAFETY BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A FLOOD OR STORM



FLOODS ARE THE MOST COMMON NATURAL DISASTER IN AUSTRALIA. UNLIKE BUSHFIRES, WE CAN'T ALWAYS SEE THE RISKS BUT THERE ARE A FEW SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO STAY LP GAS SAFE AND HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

When floods and storms hit there is a lot that is out of our control but there are a few simple steps you can take to help protect your family and community. One of those things is ensuring LP Gas safety in your home or workplace. Follow these steps to ensure LP Gas safety.

STEP 1 **TURN OFF YOUR LP GAS**



STEP 2 **SECURE YOUR LP GAS**



STEP 3 **STORE YOUR LP GAS UPRIGHT**



BEFORE

Tick the boxes to make sure you're LP Gas safe.

- Store all LP Gas cylinders upright.
- Close all LP Gas cylinders (Turn the valve handle on the top of the cylinder clockwise until hand tight).
- Keep your LP Gas cylinder connected.
- If possible, store small LP Gas cylinders (i.e. BBQ or forklift cylinders) above water level. Don't store them inside.
- Leave larger LP Gas cylinders where they were installed. Do not store them inside.
- Secure all LP Gas cylinders to a fixed structure using straps or strong ropes. Keep straps and ropes free of the pigtail connection (the copper or flexible hose at the top of the cylinder) and away from the valve. Use the neck ring as well as a cable or rope around the middle.
- For LP Gas cylinders stored in cages, securely lock the cage gates and relocate or secure the cage.
- Remove or tie down any outdoor furniture and garden tools which may break loose during the flood or storm. This can help protect freestanding and BBQ cylinders from being stuck and breaking free.

DURING

- Always follow the advice of emergency services and prioritise personal safety.
- If you hear a hissing noise, see a white cloud or smell rotten eggs, don't intervene. Keep the area clear of people, pets and ignition sources (flames, sparks, smokers, electrical appliances) until the leak can be confirmed, stopped and the area made safe.
- Do not use your LP Gas during a flood.
- NEVER** use an outdoor LP Gas appliance (such as a BBQ) indoors.
- If you see an LP Gas cylinder in an unusual place, don't touch it! **Contact emergency services on 000.**

AFTER

- Check your LP Gas cylinders are still secured. Report any missing cylinders to your supplier.
- If your LP Gas cylinder has moved during the flood, do not turn it on. Contact your distributor or a qualified LP Gas fitter for a safety assessment.
- If your appliances have been affected by water, have them checked by a certified technician before using them.
- Do not attempt to recover LP Gas cylinders from floodwaters or from under heavy vegetation. Contact emergency services and wait for a trained professional.
- Do not use a damaged LP Gas cylinder.
- Report any smell of LP Gas immediately to Emergency Services. Keep the area clear of people, pets and ignition sources (flames, sparks, smokers, electrical appliances) until the leak can be confirmed, stopped and the area made safe.
- Don't use outdoor appliances inside.
- If you aren't sure what to do or require guidance, call your LP Gas supplier.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL 000. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, VISIT: [GASENERGYAUS.AU/POLICIES.HTML](https://www.gasenergyaus.au/policies.html)