

Don't let summer fun turn to tragedy

The weather is heating up and Canadians are heading outdoors to soak up the fun. Warm weather enthusiasts should keep safety top of mind when they're out camping, boating and barbecuing.

CSA Group, a leader in testing and certification, gives these tips on how to stay safe all summer:

Camping Stoves and Lanterns

- Fuel-burning camping equipment such as stoves, lanterns and outdoor cookers should only be lit outdoors and at least 3 metres (10 feet) from tents, combustible materials and vehicles. Never light a stove or lantern inside a tent or vehicle.

- Before use, carefully inspect parts for leaks, blockages or damage.

- Keep loose, flammable clothing away from open flames. Carefully monitor children and pets around stoves and lanterns.

Boats and Cottages

- Ensure that boats and cottages are equipped with proper emergency safety equipment, including first aid kits and fire extinguishers, and carbon monoxide and fire alarms.

- When first opening your cottage, carefully inspect all appliances for damage from rodents or insects.

- Always wear a personal flotation device when on the water. Never consume alcohol while operating any vehicle.

Outdoor Gas Barbecues

- Before firing up your barbecue for the first time, carefully inspect burners and burner tubes for blockages due to dirt, grease, insects or rust buildup. Clean or replace any blocked parts or have a certified



technician make repairs.

- Propane cylinders must be inspected and re-qualified every 10 years in Canada. A date stamp on the cylinder indicates when it was last qualified. Don't use a rusty or damaged cylinder. If in doubt, have your tank replaced.

- When purchasing or installing a gas barbecue, make sure that it carries the mark of an approved certification organization, such as CSA Group, indicating that it has been tested to applicable national standards.

More safety tips are available online at www.csasafetytips.com.

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Easy entertaining tips will impress your guests

Are you hoping to entertain all summer without breaking a sweat?

Do you want to impress your guests on the patio or deck—without having to turn on your oven? Tom Filippou, executive chef for President's Choice Cooking Schools, offers easy summer entertaining tips to leave them wanting more:

Barbecue cheese: Serving up cheese on the grill is sure to excite your crowd. Try the new PC Cedar Plank Brie. The wood protects the luxurious tasting double-cream Brie from the flames while the smoke imbues it with flavour. Your guests will be coming back for seconds.

Create an outdoor oasis: How you decorate your outdoor table will set the tone for your gathering. Choose bright and colourful summer plates, along with pots of fresh flowers and outdoor candles that will add simple style and ambience to your atmosphere.

Bring on the beverages: Serving up remarkable cocktails such as a Frozen Mango Peach Bellini made with PC World of Fruit Mango Juice and Puree Blend Beverage will give your guests a memorable experience. You can also freeze fruit, herbs or edible flowers into ice cubes for an elegant touch.

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WEEKEND HOURS

**FRI 7am-6pm
SAT 8am-5pm
SUN 9am-4pm**

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Go Play Outside!

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