



Propane Safety

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FACTS

- In 1998, there were 1,600 LP-gas fires in U.S. homes, resulting in 41 deaths, 260 injuries and \$30.8 million in direct property damage.
- The leading cause of LP-gas fires from 1994-1998 was part failure, leak or break.
- Almost 90% of LP-gas fires involved some type of equipment, and the leading types were open-fired grills, water heaters and stoves.

Safety Tips

- Handle any propane powered equipment cautiously and always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Cylinder tanks for equipment such as stoves and ovens must be located outside of the home.
- Never store or use propane gas cylinders larger than one pound inside the home.
- Never operate a propane-powered gas grill inside the home.
- Have propane gas equipment inspected periodically for possible leaks.
- If you smell a strong odor of gas, leave the area immediately and call the fire department from the outside the home.