

# Prohibition of portable gas cooking appliances

for commercial use

***An increase in portable gas cooking appliances being used in WA restaurants offering tabletop barbecue style cooking and dining experiences has resulted in more incidences of gas explosions.***

In this document a portable gas cooking appliance refers to a portable cooking appliance that has an enclosed gas cartridge containing butane gas under pressure as fuel. Here are some examples below.



***Example 1 – Built-in tabletop cooker.***

In response to this danger, the [Gas Standards \(portable gas cooking appliances\) Prohibition Order 2016](#) states that portable gas cooking appliances cannot be used in any indoor location or commercial application.



**Example 2 – Built-in tabletop cooker.**



Portable gas cooking appliances must not be used for any commercial purpose, whether indoors or outdoors. This includes, but is not limited to:

- restaurants;
- cafes;
- diners;
- bistros;
- pubs;
- community meal programs;
- catering services;
- food stalls;
- public venues;
- markets, festivals or night markets; and
- or any other setting where food is cooked or served to the public.



### Please Note:

A person who fails to comply with the prohibition may be prosecuted and can be fined up to \$250,000. If you are in any doubt about this rule, or if you are unsure whether your gas appliances can be used at a restaurant or business, please contact Building and Energy for advice.

**Disclaimer** – The information contained in this fact sheet is provided as general information and a guide only. It should not be relied upon as legal advice or as an accurate statement of the relevant legislation provisions. If you are uncertain as to your legal obligations, you should obtain independent legal advice.

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