HOW TO COMPLETE THE CHECK LIST

Start by looking at the gas cylinders and then proceed towards the gas appliances.

Answer each question if the situation is appropriate. The preferred answer is indicated by a shaded box.

If the answer to a question is not the preferred one, the remedy may be quite simple. For example, a covered ventilator should be uncovered.

If something needs fixing, make sure it is carried out as soon as possible.

If you are unsure about a question or an answer, contact Energy Safe Victoria on 1800 652 563

GUIDE TO GAS INSTALLATIONS

Fixed gas appliances and pipework must only be installed by a licensed plumber/ gasfitter. Such persons should produce their licence on request.

If a gas leak is suspected –

- turn off appliances
- turn off cylinders
- do not use any ignition sources
- seek assistance

Never use a cooking appliance as a heater.

Caravan Park

Caravan Park Site no

Type of structure (caravan, cabin, re-locatable home etc)

Name of owner

Contact phone number

Name of person completing checklist

Date

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GAS SAFETY SELF-CHECK LIST

FOR CARAVAN OWNERS AND CARAVAN PARK OCCUPANTS





GAS CYLINDERS

GAS APPLIANCES

Using gas appliances for cooking, heating or hot water in caravans and re-locatable homes is safe and effective as long as simple precautions are taken.

Every gas burning appliance needs fresh air to operate correctly. Many new gas appliances are designed and installed to take air directly from outside. Others, especially older appliances, take air from inside the room they are in.

It is necessary to replace the air used, and this is normally done by providing fixed ventilation openings (grilles or vents) to outside.

The objective of this self-check list is to help caravan owners and caravan park occupants ensure that gas appliances are suitable for the intended use and that adequate ventilation is provided.

Your cooperation in ensuring that this check list is filled out for your caravan or on-site accommodation will be appreciated.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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Ken Gardner Director

	TICK BOX	
Checklist	Yes	No
Are any gas cylinders damaged or rusty?		
Are the gas cylinders secured against knocking over?		
Are all gas cylinders stored outside? (Whether full or empty)		
Are any gas cylinders used inside for cooking or heating?		

SAFETY PROCEDURES

Does the caravan have a smoke detector? Is there a suitable fire extinguisher, fire blanket,	TICK BOX	
Is there a suitable fire extinguisher, fire blanket,	es	No
etc. inside the caravan?		
Do you know where the caravan park fire equipment is kept?		

Did you know?

- Portable gas heaters and unflued water heaters are not allowed in caravans.
- Gas needs fresh air to burn properly.
- LP Gas sinks to the lowest level.
- If a leak has occurred allow plenty of time for the gas to disperse.
- Gas detectors are available.
- All gas appliances need servicing from time to time.
- A yellow gas flame usually means there is a problem requiring attention.

	TICK BOX	
Checklist	Yes	No
Are the gas appliances in good condition?		
Are they connected with copper pipe or manufacturer-supplied hoses?		
Do you ever use the cooker as a heater?		
Do you ever use a portable gas heater inside?		

AIR SUPPLY

	TICK BOX	
Checklist	Yes	No
Are there any fixed ventilation openings in the walls, floor or roof?		
Are the openings clear of dust, paint or other blockage?		
Are there at least two ventilation openings?		

Wrong answer? Unsure? What to do now

If you seem to have the wrong answer or are unsure about anything, contact someone who can assist such as the Park Manager, a plumber or Energy Safe Victoria. If in doubt, don't use your appliances until they are checked.

- Care always needs to be taken when using gas appliances in confined areas such as caravans.
- Faulty gas appliances or poor ventilation may be the cause of unusual headaches, nausea or tiredness. Don't ignore these possible warning signs.