

# Brenley Park Estate

What is the safe & friendly way to barbecue on a balcony..... on a terrace..... on a ground floor patio

# BBQs on balconies – is it okay?



# How *should* you go about having this BBQ, then?

If you're still eager to have a BBQ on your balcony (once you have confirmed with your management/landlord), then it's recommended you avoid charcoal BBQs and go for electric ones if possible. Alternatively, there are balcony-specific BBQ products available that can help you utilise your balcony space better.

For the most part it depends on your specific circumstances: the building you're in, the floor you're on, the size of your balcony etc. London Fire Brigade are pretty certain [you should not be BBQing on balconies](#) but they do have a [Fire Safety Team](#) to whom you can direct any questions about staying safe.

It's also recommended that you don't drink too much at a BBQ. I know that sounds like we're giving you wings and telling you not to flap, but there is method to the madness. According to a [study by MORE TH>N](#) British people have caused £617 million worth of property damage due to being drunk while BBQing. To add to this, you would not usually be able to claim the damage from insurance on the grounds you weren't taking reasonable care of your property.

BBQs are fun so we hope you can get your cook on this summer! But they're probably not enough fun to justify the risk of a house fire, so be sure to be cautious and remember you can never be too safe.



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# Electric is the way forward

For use on a BALCONY it is the safe and suggested choice by the fire brigade





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# Gas is an optional choice

Be safe and make sure canister is stored safe when not in use  
A good option for ground floor PATIO with no resident balcony's directly above  
Also an option for pent house TERRACES



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# Smoke is not resident friendly

Flames from fire are dangerous on wood made balcony's  
and strongly advised not to be used.



## Fire Extinguisher

While not common, BBQ fires do happen.

In contrast to a backyard BBQ, it is unlikely that a garden hose is available on your balcony for fire emergencies.

So, your only option is to have a fire extinguisher at the ready.

Something a bit larger than the small ones sold for kitchens would be prudent.



## Cooking Smoke

Be aware that your cooking smoke may not just go straight up and away.

While you may enjoy the smell of the meal you are about to eat, it is unlikely that your neighbours will feel the same way about your smoke coming into their units.



You can minimise your smoke in a few ways:

1. Don't cook on HIGH, as cooking with higher heat generates more smoke.
2. Make sure your grease tray is clean before you start, to avoid the smoke generated from heating old grease.
3. Finally, make sure you keep an eye on your BBQ so nothing burns while cooking.

Be a good neighbour!

# Be safe and neighbour friendly

Taking risks that can impact not only on yourself but on others  
is not a good choice.

If in doubt check out London fire brigade advise

