

SAFETY ALERT

For immediate distribution to all Adventist Church groups undertaking camping and camp-related activities.

HAZARD: Small portable gas cookers
RISK: Serious Burns



Reason for this Safety Alert

A recent incident where a Pathfinder received serious burns, requiring in-hospital treatment was caused by a cooker - similar to the one pictured - accidentally tipping over, splashing boiling water onto the Pathfinder.



“Take 5” Safety Briefing

RMS recommends camp leaders conduct a brief 5 minute safety chat at the start of any hiking/ camping event reminding campers of the inherent instability of these cookers.



Reduce Risk

1. Where possible encourage the use of stability legs on gas canisters to improve stability.
2. Ensure gas canisters are set up on a firm, flat surface whenever possible to minimise the risk of tip over.



Communicate & Supervise

1. Talk to those around and alert others when boiling liquids or heating food using a gas canister.
2. Closely supervise younger campers and Pathfinders who may be using this style of cooker.

Safer disciples.

Please continue to camp safely! Camping is an integral part of our vibrant Adventist Church culture. Camps offer unique opportunities to appreciate God’s creation, develop lifelong friendships, and maintain good health and wellbeing. We encourage you to take the opportunity to ensure the longevity of church camps by keeping each other safe.

Who is this for?

Please share this RMS Safety Alert with relevant leaders responsible for coordinating and conducting:

- ✓ **PATHFINDERS / CHURCH CAMPS**
- ✓ **BIG CAMP / CONFERENCE YOUTH CAMPS**
- ✓ **SCHOOL CAMPS / DUKE OF EDINBURGH**