

Risk Management Considerations for Propane Storage

Due to the increased threat of vandalism and theft, the storage of LPG (Liquified Petroleum Gas)/ propane tanks inside buildings is on the rise. During recent inspections, propane tanks and their BBQ's have been found in all types of occupancies including municipal offices, equipment depots and even the occasional fire hall.

Propane has a highly expansive quality and is heavier than air, making indoor storage dangerous due to pilot lights and any source of electrical sparking. For the safety of the occupants of these buildings and the protection of property itself, all propane tanks are required to be stored outside the building in compliance with the Fire Code.

Storage cages must be located away from any means of egress or principal routes that provide access to exits and should be designed to prevent tampering of valves and be kept locked at all times.

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