# Staying safe with Rockgas



LPG is a great source of energy. Make the most of it by using it safely.

# **Connecting and disconnecting LPG bottles**

## Before you start

- · Carefully read the safety tips.
- If you have any doubts or concerns, call your gas fitter.

# Important bottle safety tips

- · No smoking within 5 metres of bottles.
- Do not have any naked flame or electronic device – such as a mobile phone – nearby.
   They can ignite gas.
- Ensure the bottle is on a firm surface.

# How to close off and disconnect an empty bottle

- Close the bottle by turning the bottle's valve/tap clockwise.
- 2. Turn the connection handwheel or nut clockwise to disconnect the hose.

  (Remember, connection works in the opposite direction left to tighten and right to loosen)
- 3. Remove the empty bottle.

# Valve/tap Open (turn anti-clockwise) Close (turn clockwise) Connection handwheel or nut ↑ Attach (turn anti-clockwise) ↑ Detach (turn clockwise)

### How to connect a full bottle

- Visually check the hose for wear and tear.
   Do not reconnect if damaged. Instead, call your gas fitter about a replacement hose.
- Check that the rubber O-ring on the end of the hose is in place and looks in good order. **Do not** reconnect if the O-ring is cracked or damaged. Instead, call your gas fitter about a replacement.
- Connect the hose by turning the connection handwheel or nut anti-clockwise. The connection should be firm, but do not use excessive force to tighten.
- 4. Ensure the hose is slack and not pulled tight
- 5. Restrain the bottle to ensure it can't fall over.
- 6. **Slowly turn** the bottle's valve/tap **anti-clockwise** to open the bottle.
- 7. Once fully open, give the valve/tap a half-turn back **clockwise**.

# **Checking for leaks**

- Make a weak solution of soapy water in a spray bottle.
- 2. Spray the connection handwheel or nut and hose with the soapy water.
- If you do see bubbles forming, close off the gas immediately by turning the valve/tap clockwise. Contact your gas fitter.
  - If you **don't** see bubbles, no further action is required.

