

## HAZARD ALERT

### Dangerous use of propane heaters

It has been brought to our attention that there have been two recent instances of **dangerously modifying the use of propane heaters**.

These two photos both show the use of a pony clip to defeat the automatic safety shut off valve from functioning.



Each heater is equipped with a 100% safety shut off push button valve which will automatically stop the flow of gas in the event the heater fails to operate for any reason. When a pony clip is used as shown, it keeps the valve in a constant open position, by-passing the safety features of the heater. This keeps the flow of propane going even if the flame goes out, **possibly filling a lunch tent or background holding area with propane, resulting in the extreme danger of carbon monoxide poisoning or an explosion.**

**Please do not use any tools to keep open the valves on propane heaters.**

**If you see this type of un-safe practice, please tell your supervisor or employer.**

**If you would like to remain anonymous, you can call the Anonymous Safety Hotline phone number that can be found on your callsheet.**

For information on the proper use of propane heaters, please read our Propane Guideline Fact Sheet – [http://www.actsafe.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/FS11\\_Propane\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.actsafe.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/FS11_Propane_guidelines.pdf)