



Scouts

Solve a campsite mystery

This resource is to accompany the activity '[Solve a campsite mystery](#),' created in partnership with the Gas Distribution Networks.

This activity is designed to help young people recognise the signs of carbon monoxide poisoning and how they can keep themselves and their family safe. Make sure you check any gas-based appliances in your meeting place and in your equipment stores, or at your campsite, before beginning this activity to ensure everyone stays safe.

Download and print out the clue cards and place them around your meeting place or campsite. Give each of the witness statements to an adult volunteer or young leader. If you don't have enough adult volunteers, young leaders or parents and carers to play the roles, you can stick these up around your meeting place instead.

Witness Clue 1

Witness 1:

It was my turn to cook dinner for my group. All the other meals that have been made have been great, so I felt under pressure to make mine good. However, the others were lucky because they could cook outside in the sunshine. In this wet weather, I knew it was going to be a miracle if the stoves stayed lit without wind shields, so we moved inside the mess tent to cook. It seemed like a good solution to me.

Witness Clue 2

Witness 2:

Young people these days complain more than they did in my day. There's been so much moaning about the weather. It's just a little bit of rain and wind. Eventually we got them outside and they had a great time, everyone was running around for hours. As soon as we got back inside the mess tent the moaning continued. This time it was that they were dizzy, or having trouble breathing, or had a headache. I told them to drink some water and sit down for a while, so that should sort them out.

Witness Clue 3

Witness 3:

I don't want to judge my group's cooking, but I didn't feel good after eating that meal. I felt super sick and I've even vomited a bit. Usually that'd help me feel better, but my stomach still really hurt. I don't think the chicken was cooked enough or something.

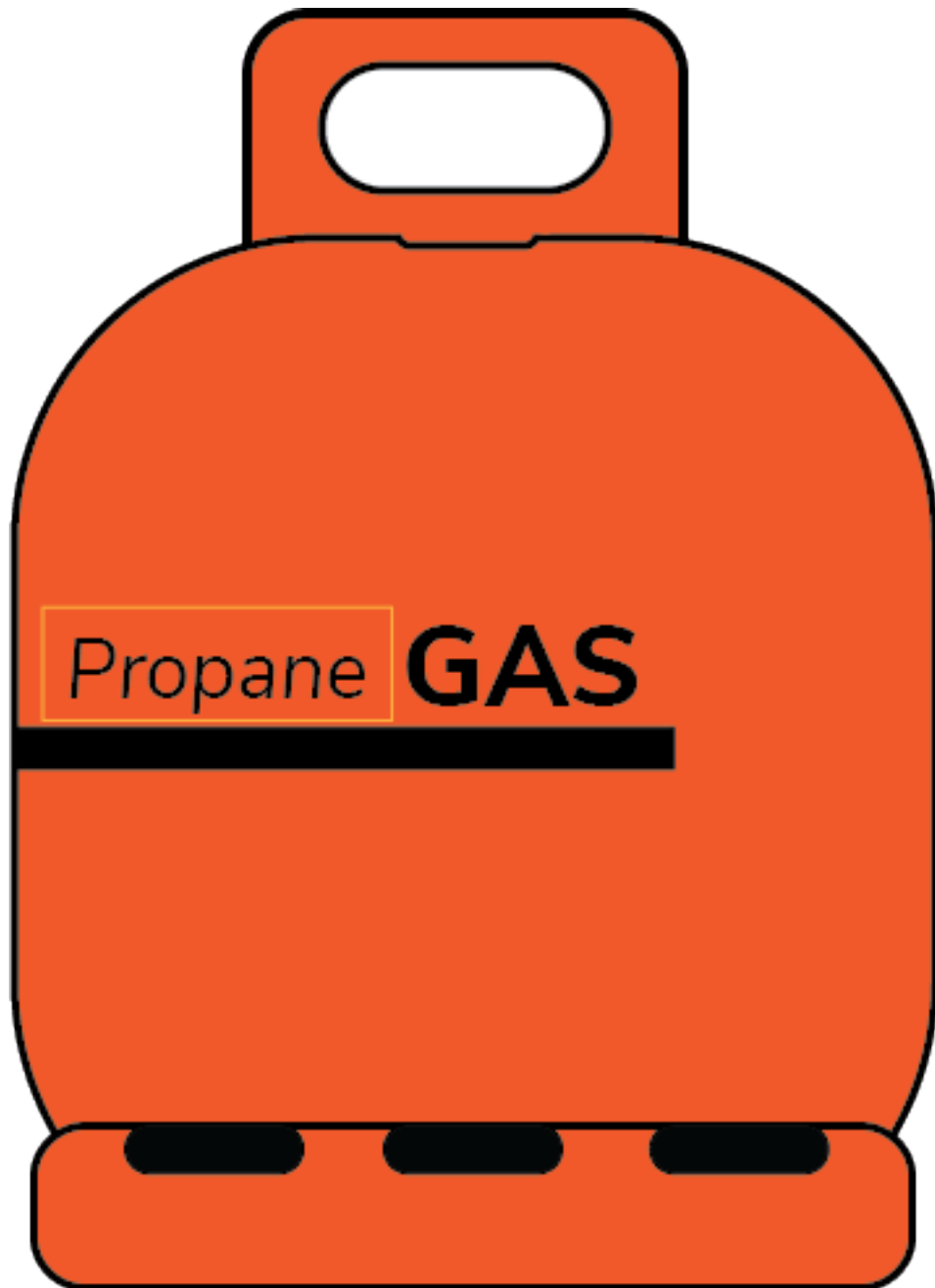
Witness Clue 4

Witness 4:

You'd think after cooking in the mess tent and having all of us piled in there that we'd have been too warm. However, we were all still really cold from the rain. We needed to get warmed up for our evening activities, so we left the stove burners on for some extra heat. It worked really well. I thought it might smell funny, but we were so busy that it we didn't notice anything.

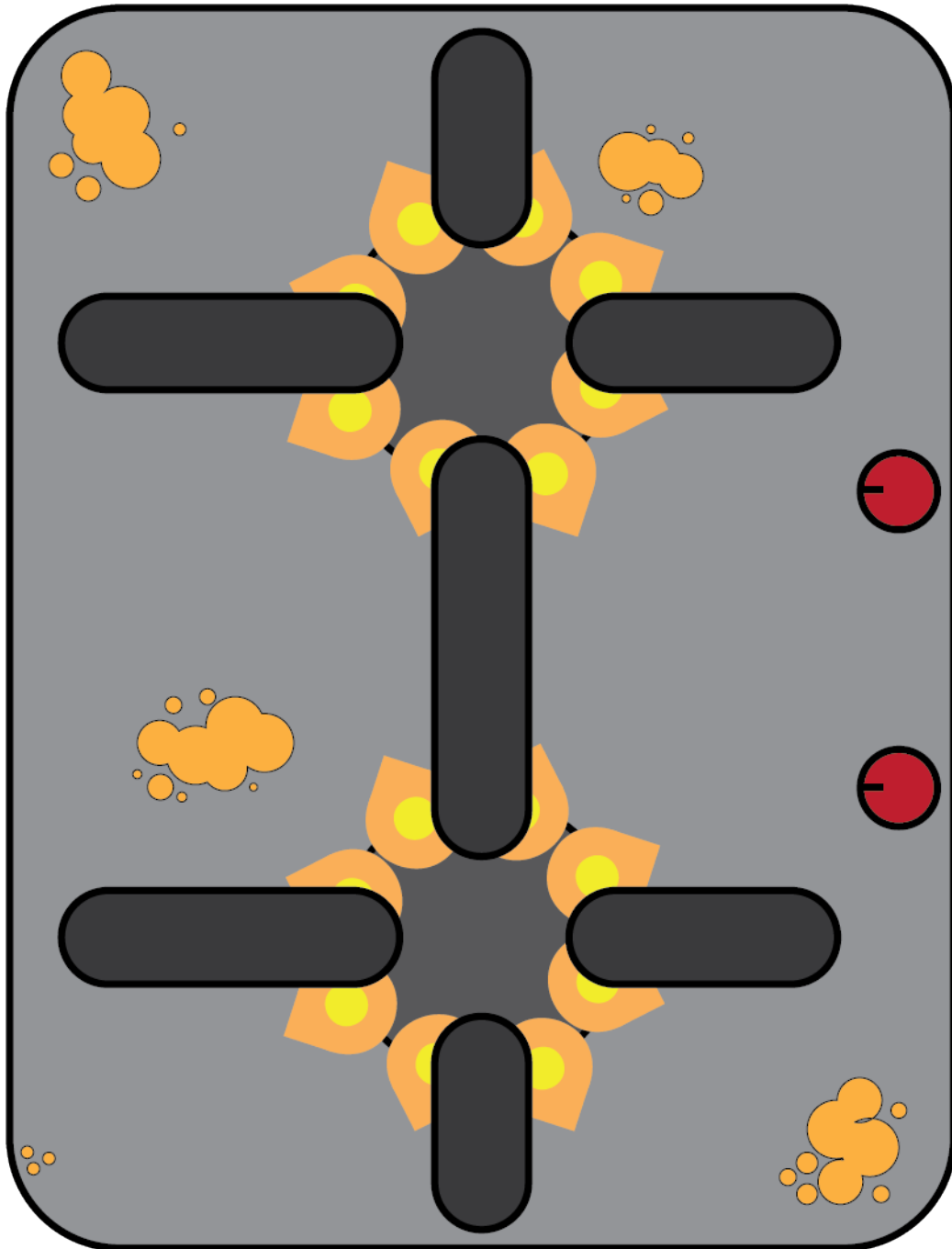
Physical Clue 1

A gas canister that was left on site by someone else which was then used for the cooking.



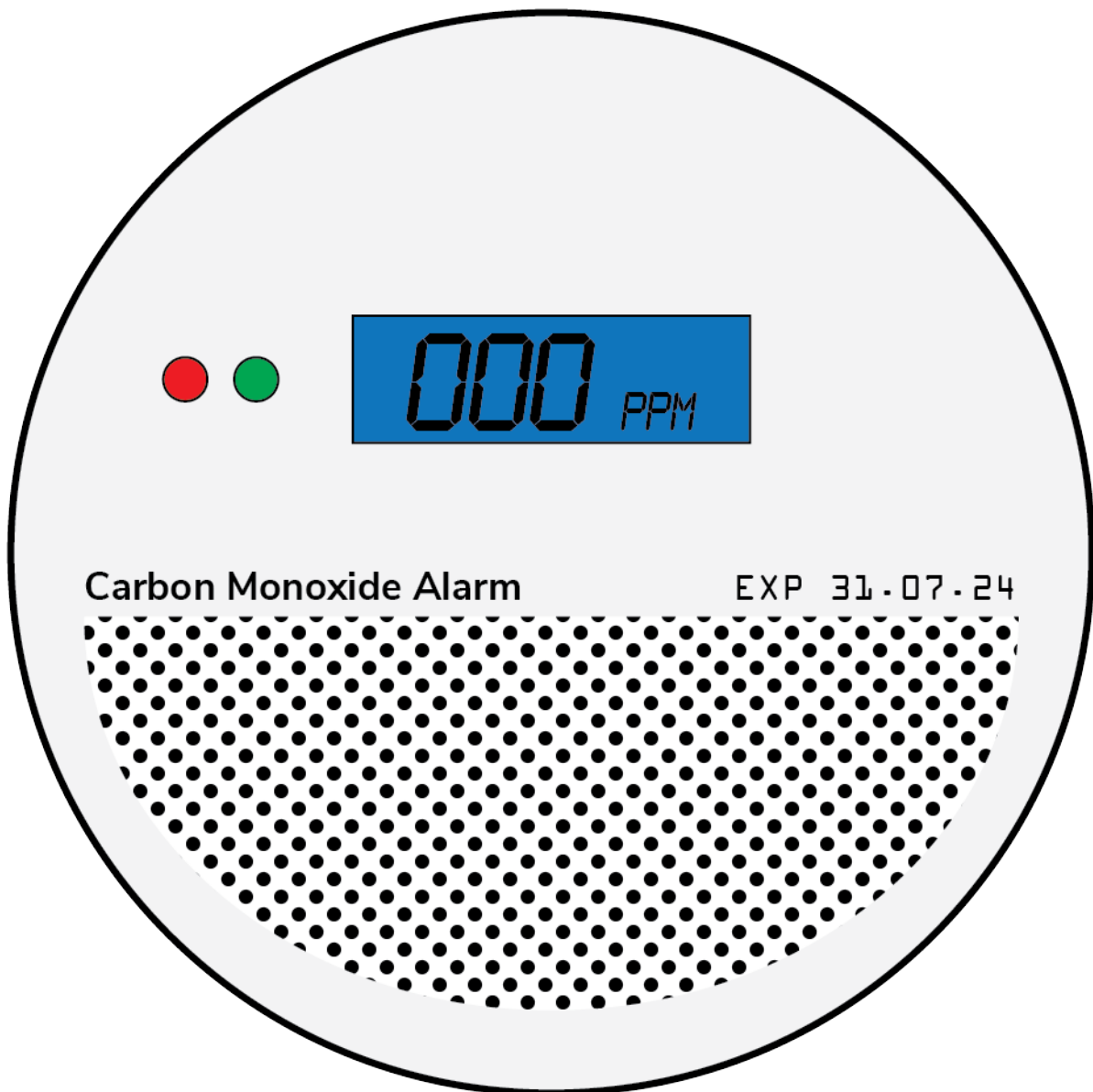
Physical Clue 2

An old stove that was used to cook on.



Physical Clue 3

The portable carbon monoxide alarm that was expired.



Physical Clue 4

The mess tent is closed without any ventilation.

