



Grilling & BBQ Fire Safety

A Fact Sheet on Fire Safety While Using Different type of Cooking Grills

Who doesn't love a good barbecue! One of the most popular past times of summer is eating and cooking outside with family and friends. Unfortunately, cooking on gas and charcoal grills can be dangerous. With a little extra prevention and planning, you can make sure that a family get together doesn't turn into a trip to the emergency room.

Grilling Safely with Gas

Gas grills are a popular choice among today's barbecue fans. However, if not used properly they can pose a serious safety and fire hazard.

- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions and be sure you understand them.
- Always use the proper size wrench to make sure all connections are tight and check all washers. Apply a soapy solution to detect leaks. If there are bubbles, tighten the connection more.
- Never use a gas grill inside any building or structure.
- Place grill 15 feet away from any structure.
- Do not allow grease to accumulate.
- Never let children use a gas grill.

Handle Gas Cylinders with Care & Caution

We're sure you'll agree that any time you're dealing with a force as explosive as several sticks of dynamite, caution must be taken. The propane cylinders that are used to fuel gas grills are just this explosive. For your own safety, take the time to learn how to handle them safely.

- A filled cylinder should always be transported in an upright position on the floor of a vehicle with all windows open.
- Never transport a gas cylinder in the trunk of a car.
- Never leave a cylinder in a parked vehicle. Remove the cylinder from the vehicle as soon as possible.
- Store cylinders, and grills with cylinders attached, outdoors in a shaded, cool area out of direct sunlight. Never store the grill or spare cylinders inside, on porches or on balconies.

Grilling Safely with Charcoal

Charcoal may seem less dangerous than gas, but it is also necessary for you to take precautions. The combustion of charcoal emits carbon monoxide gas which can cause death even in small quantities.

- Do not use grills under a overhang, or on a wooden deck, porch or balcony.
- Never add starter fluid once a fire has been started. Fire can follow the stream of fluid back into the container, causing an explosion and scattering flaming liquid.
- Never use charcoal grills in an enclosed space.
- Always use great caution when disposing of ashes. They may contain hot coals which can start a fire. Wet ashes thoroughly before emptying the grill.

**BE FIRE SAFE,
NOT SORRY**