



Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- KKK Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- KKK The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- KKK Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- KKK Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- KKK Never leave your grill unattended.
- KKK Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- KKK There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- KKK If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- KKK Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- KKK There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- KKK When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

FACTS

- ⚠ July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ⚠ More than half of home grill structure fires begin on either a courtyard terrace or patio, or an exterior balcony or open porch.
- ⚠ Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

