

# 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

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

## CODE REFERENCE

**BBB** 10.10.6.1 - For other than one- and two-family dwellings, no hibachis, grills, or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose shall be used or kindled on any balcony, under any overhanging portion, or within 10 feet of any structure.

**BBB** 10.10.6.1.1 – Listed electric portable, tabletop grills, not to exceed 200 square inches of cooking surface, or other similar electrical appliances **SHALL BE** permitted.

**BBB** 10.10.6.2- For other than one-and two-family dwellings, hibachis, grills, or other similar devices used for cooking **SHALL NOT** be stored on a balcony.

## 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 both the gas tank and the 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.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns



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