BBQ SAFETY

There's nothing like an outdoor barbecue. But a barbecue too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. Follow these simple steps and stay safe this grilling season.

Grilling Safety:
• Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
• The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, tables, overhanging branches and where people gather.
• Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
• Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
• Never leave a heated grill, lighter or matches unattended.

Charcoal Grills:
• If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
• When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool (for about 48 hours) before disposing in a metal container.

Propane Grills:
• Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using for the first time each year.
• If your grill has a gas leak and 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 the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.

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THERE ARE 8,800 GRILLING FIRES PER YEAR

82% started by gas grills
57% occur May-Aug
140 injuries per year
$96 MILLION property damage