

# 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

- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- 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 grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## Charcoal Grills

- If Starter fluid is used, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or other flammable liquids to a lit fire.
- Keep Charcoal fluid away from children and away from heat sources.
- There are electric charcoal starters.
- When finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



## Facts

- More than 8,800 House fires are started each year by barbecues
- July is the peak month for grill fires.
- In 2012 16,900 patients went to the ER because of injuries involving grills.

## Propane Grills

- Check the gas hose for leaks before using the grill for the first time each year. Apply a soap and water solution to the hose and check for bubbles.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from grill and call the fire department.
- If your flame goes out, turn the gas off and wait 15 minutes before relighting.