Grilling Safety

An estimated 5,700 grill fires on residential properties occur annually in the United States.

Follow these simple safety tips, and you will be on your way to safe grilling!

- Propane and charcoal barbecue grills must **only be used outdoors!** If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and a risk of exposing occupants to **toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.**
- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring a **3-foot "kid-free zone"** around the grill.

Propane Grills

Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, 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.**

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