

# Grilling & BBQ Safety

## National Grilling Statistics

- Careless outdoor cooking cause 9,600 home fires each year
- 16,00 patients are seen in the Emergency Room annually for injuries involving grills
- Roughly Half of the injuries are severe



## Safety Tips

- Grills should never be used indoors
- Grills are **REQUIRED** to be at least 10 feet from any structure, including decks and porches
- Grills are **NEVER** allowed to be used on a deck or porch
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grilling area
- Always clean your grill by removing grease and fat buildup
- **NEVER** leave a grill unattended
- **ALWAYS** make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting
- Only use approved charcoal starter fluid to light your BBQ
- Keep charcoal fluid out of reach of children and other heat sources
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing
- Only use a metal container to dispose of used coals
- Check hoses and fittings on gas grills for leaks prior to use

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