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Critical Days of Summer Newsletter

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Grilling Safety



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gk2qrBOYtSY>

July is the peak month for grill fires. Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns (nfpa.org, 2014). Some burns may be more serious than others, but many are treatable (nsc.org, 2014). Grill fires can be preventable. Read the owner's manual before using your grill and only use in a well-ventilated area. Barbecue grills are designed for outdoor use only.

Never barbecue in your trailer, tent, house, garage, or any enclosed area because carbon monoxide may accumulate and kill you (hpba.org). Taking precautions, following safety tips, and having a plan to put out grill fires can help prevent injuries (hpba.org).

Grilling Statistics

(<http://safetycenter.navy.mil/>)

- Each year about 30 people are injured as a result of gas-grill fires and explosions.
- Many of these mishaps occur when someone first uses a grill that has been left idle for a period of time or just after refilling and reattaching the grill's gas container.
- Each year about 30 people die and 100 are injured as a result of carbon monoxide fumes from charcoal grills and hibachis used inside.

- Although gas grills are used roughly 1.5 times as often as charcoal grills, they were involved in five times as many fires. Gas grills were involved in 6,400 home fires, including 2,100 structure fires and 4,300 outdoor fires.



Do's and Don'ts



- Keep your grill at least three feet away from your house, porch, shed, trees or bushes.
- Use starter fluid that is made for especially for barbecue grills. Follow the instructions about how to apply and light it.
- Don't squirt starter fluid on a fire after you've already tried to start it.
- Never use gasoline to try to start or restart charcoal. Gasoline is incredibly explosive and dangerous.
- If you have a gas grill, make sure you read and follow the instructions about how to use and store it.
- Make sure the valves work and that you are completely familiar with how to use them and with their purpose. Make sure they are off when you aren't using the grill.
- Store gas cylinders outside and keep them away from buildings.
- If your gas grill needs repairs, take it to an authorized dealer or repair shop.
- Keep children away from the grill both while you are cooking, and after you finish while the grill is still hot and when hot coals remain.
- Don't leave lit grills unattended.

Grilling Facts

(<http://www.hpba.org/consumers/barbecue/consumers/barbecue/grilling-facts-and-figures>)

- Practically everyone owns a grill! A 2013 study conducted by the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association (HPBA) shows that 80 percent of all U.S. households own a grill or smoker. And, 97 percent of grill owners actually used their grill in the past year. About 14 million new grills were shipped in 2013 alone.
- The most popular grilling occasions are Fourth of July, Memorial Day and Labor Day, but an increasing number of grillers report using their grills year-round (60 percent)! (HPBA.org, 2014)
- Forty-one percent of grill owners in 2013 tailgated in the past two years. The increasing popularity of outdoor heaters and chimneys makes it comfortable and convenient to cook out in nearly any climate at any time.

Grilling Videos

<http://www.kingsford.com/university/grilling-videos/>

Click on the below links for more information.

http://www.nfpa.org/~ /media/Files/Safety%20information/Safety%20tip%20sheets/grilling_safety_tips.pdf

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/outdoors/grilling/grilling-safety-tips>

http://www.nsc.org/safety_home/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Pages/HomeandRecreationalSafety.aspx#burns

http://static.hpba.org/fileadmin/factsheets/product/FS_SafeBBQ.pdf

<http://www.kingsford.com/university/>

For Marine Corps specific information, please review MCO 5100.30B. (Off Duty Recreation Order)

For more information contact the Installation Recreational Safety Manager at (760)763-5332.

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(<http://safetycenter.navy.mil/>)

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