

# Grill Safety Tips



Whether enjoying a fire pit in the backyard, making **s'mores or having a classic barbeque, grilling has** become a big part of summer. It is easy to forget how dangerous grills can be. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, 6,500 grill fires are reported each year as a result of poor safety preparation and care.

Prevention begins with you! Follows these tips to make sure you and your loved ones enjoy a fire safe summer:

1. **Read the owner's manual.** Manufacturer's directions come in hand and it is the best way to understand how to operate your grill safely.
2. Keep your grill in an open area, and not close to the house. Allow for at least a 10-foot radius around the unit.
3. Do not wear loose clothing when barbequeing. Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll if a piece of clothing catches fire.
4. Keep children safe by declaring a three-**foot "safety zone"** around the grill.
5. Tend to your grill at all times. **Don't walk away from it, even for a moment.**
6. Keep an fire extinguisher nearby. Make sure the extinguisher is easily accessible and in proper working condition.
7. Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in grill trays so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.
8. Be sure to close the hood on the grill and turn off the gas tank when you are finished grilling.
9. Routinely inspect your outdoor grill to make sure it is working properly. Replace any damaged parts promptly.