

## SAFETY TALK

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## 4th of July Grilling Safety

According to the National Fire Protection Association, there are an average of 8,800 home fires annually as a result of outdoor grilling, with July being the peak month for grilling-related fires.

Most homeowners have a gas grill, which translates to an increased risk of fire or injury — one fifth of all reported grilling fires involved a leak or break in the gas line. Other common causes of grilling-related fires include leaving objects that could catch fire too close to the grill, leaving the grill unattended, and letting grease or fat build up in the grill trays.

The good news is that grilling-related fires and injuries are easy to prevent. With a little common sense and a few good safety tips you can keep yourself (and your family and friends) safe this grilling season. We've rounded up a few of the most important safety tips to know when you're grilling; make sure you read on if you're planning a cookout this summer.

- Always use propane and charcoal barbecue on outdoor grills only.
- When grilling outdoors, your grill should be placed well away from the home and out of the reach of your children or interaction with your pets.
- Carefully inspect your propane tank and the safety valve, make sure that vermin hasn't chewed through your hoses or that there are no blocked tubes.
- If it's been a while since you cleaned your grill, make sure it's clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays.
- Grill safety is vital, especially if you have young children or pets nearby, that's why you should make safety a priority and always have someone watching the grill when you're away to ensure that it's not touched.
- At the end of the day, when you're finished grilling, you should always put the flames out by pouring water and then closing the hood.

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