

HOME MATTERS

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Did You Know?

Many backyard gatherings are centered around the grill and the family's resident chef who is creating all the enticing aromas. In spite of how great grilled foods taste, gas and charcoal grills account for an average of 10 deaths, 100 injuries and \$40 million in property loss each year, according to the United States Fire Administration.

THE RECIPE FOR GRILLING SAFETY

To avoid becoming a grilling mishap statistic, we've cooked up the following safety precautions:

- Do not let children and pets play near the grilling area when cooking until the grill is completely cool.
- Place your grill at least three feet away from other objects including your house, trees and outdoor seating.
- Use starter fluid for barbecue grills that use charcoal only. Do not use starter fluid for gas grills.
- Check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line to make sure it is not leaking and is working properly before using a gas grill.
- If you suspect that your gas grill is leaking, turn off the gas and get the unit fixed before lighting. Never use a match to check for leaks.
- Do not bring your grill into an unventilated or enclosed space such as the garage or inside of your home. This is not only a major fire hazard; it is also a carbon monoxide hazard.

Safety First

Not only can grills start fires, they can also cause burns. Exercise caution as you flip foods on the grill to ensure that your hands and arms do not get burned.

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