



# Safety Corner

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## Grill Safety



As we approach the holiday weekend let's take a look at grill safety. Many of us will be lighting up the grill this weekend having a cookout for friends and/or family. Whether your barbecue uses charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas, don't even think about firing it up until you are sure it's safe.

- Make certain that vents are clean and operable and that there are no areas that have rusted through. Embers can wreak havoc with a nearby wood pile or even your home.
- Thoroughly clean your grill each season. Grease buildup can cause a fire that cannot be easily extinguished.
- For gas grills, check and secure all gas connections. A leak can be fatal. Soapy water sprayed onto each connection and fitting will reveal an unwanted leak.
- Keep your grill at least 10 feet away from your home or other combustible surfaces.
- Don't barbecue indoors, including in a garage. You can literally suffocate every living thing in your home.
- Don't barbecue on a wood deck if there is a chance that dry grass is growing beneath it. You can start a fire that can't be easily extinguished.
- Don't use gasoline or paint thinner to start your fire. You may lose a substantial amount of hair in the process.
- Use starter fluid sensibly. Apply it to the coals and then light your fire. Don't stand next to the fire and squirt lighter fluid onto the flames.
- When using a gas grill NEVER turn the gas on with the lid closed. An accumulation of gas can result in a horrendous explosion.
- Keep children away from the grill. Each year many children and adults are burnt or injured during backyard barbecues.

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Observed annually in June, **National Safety Month** focuses on reducing leading causes of injury & death at work, on the roads and in our homes and communities.

Safety is no accident. It's a choice we need to make throughout our entire lives. Whether it's driving without passengers as a newly licensed teen, finding alternative to prescription painkillers in middle-age or fall-proofing the bathroom as an older adult, we're all empowered to make safe decisions for ourselves and those we care about.

