



Grilling Safety

The best way to celebrate the summer months is barbequing, as long as you take special safety precautions when doing so.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has set aside grilling safety tips.

Gas Grill

First check the air tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders or food grease, and follow these tips to reduce the risk of fire explosion:

- Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. (Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.)
- Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease.
- Always keep propane gas containers upright.
- Never store a spare gas container under or near the grill or indoors.
- Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.
- Never keep a filled container in a hot car or car trunk. Heat will cause the gas pressure to increase, which may open the relief valve and allow gas to escape.

Charcoal Grill

Carbon monoxide is produced from burning charcoal. This is a colorless, odorless gas that can become toxic when in closed environments.

- Never burn charcoal inside.
- Charcoal should never be used indoors, even if ventilation is provided.
- Since charcoal produces carbon monoxide fumes until the charcoal is completely extinguished, do not store the grill indoors with freshly used coals.

For more information on grilling safety, visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website

<http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PREREL/PRHTML97/97128.html>.

Sources: "CPSC Releases Grill Safety Tips," May 20, 1997, by U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, <http://www.cpsc.gov/>. Hearth, Patio, & Barbeque Association, <http://www.hpba.org/>.



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