



When grilling, Plano Fire-Rescue suggests the following:



- Stay alert when grilling. Do not grill if you are sleepy or when you are drinking alcohol.
- Don't leave your cooking/grill area unattended.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area. Remove flammable materials from around the grill.
- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- Grills should be placed well away from the home and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches and 10 feet away from exterior walls.
- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. NOTE: A light soap and water solution applied to the hose is a great way to check for leaks. You can often smell a propane leak but propane will also release bubbles when the soap and water solution is applied. If you detect a leak, turn the gas tank and grill off. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before igniting.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately move away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.
- If the flames go out for any reason, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.
- Keep your grill clean by regularly removing grease or fat buildup from the grates and trays below.
Charcoal grill safety tips to consider:
 - There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
 - If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquid to the flames.
 - Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
 - Electric charcoal starters do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container with a lid. For additional information, visit www.nfpa.org/grilling or download NFPA's safety tips sheet on grilling for easy access.