

# Prevention Quick Drills

## POCKET TOOLS TRAINING

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### PREVENTION TRAINING

#### Fire Prevention Daily Quick Drills - Easy Access to Training

References:  
NFPA 'Grilling Safety.'  
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#### Propane Grills

Check the gas tank hose lines for leaks before using grill for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank to the grill. 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.

**If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.**

Do not move the grill.

## Grilling Safety

#### SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep the grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave the grill unattended.

#### Charcoal Grills

- There are several ways to get charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If a starter fluid is used, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters that do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing of in a metal container.

#### FACTS

1. July is the peak month for grill fires.
2. More than half of home grill structure fires begin on either a courtyard terrace or patio, or an exterior balcony or open porch.
3. Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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