





Every year, thousands of burn injuries result from the careless use of outdoor grills. These injuries occur primarily because of the use of unapproved lighter/starter fluids or gasoline and the misuse of approved fluids.

These injuries are preventable!



Charcoal Grills

- NEVER use gasoline as a starter fluid or accelerant for charcoal grills.
- ALWAYS use an approved lighter/starter fluid for charcoal grills.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions that accompany the grill.



Charcoal Grills

- After soaking your coals with lighter/starter fluid, wait for about one minute before lighting the coals. This allows the heavy concentration of explosive vapors to disperse.
- When using lighter/starter fluid, place the container well away from the grill before attempting to light the coals.



Charcoal Grills

- Be careful not to spill any fluid on your clothing or in the area surrounding the grill.
- Wear an insulated, fire retardant barbecue mitt when lighting presoaked coals.
- Never add lighter/starter fluid to hot or even warm coals. An explosion can result.







Propane Gas Grills

• When using a gas grill, check all connections leading from the fuel source to the inlet connection of the grill for leaks.

• Never use a match, candle, or flame source to check for a gas leak.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions that accompany the grill.



Propane Gas Grills

 Open the valve only a quarter to onehalf turn before lighting.

• Always shut off the valve to a fuel source when it is not in use.





Propane Gas Grills

- Never start a gas grill with the lid of the grill closed. The propane may accumulate inside, and when ignited, could blow the lid off, causing injury.
- Periodically, clean the grill. Use the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning.



Propane Gas Grills

Have a fire extinguisher located in the grilling area.

• Store full or empty propane tanks in a well-ventilated shed away from any habitable structures.

• Store propane tanks away from potential sources of flame such as furnaces, water heaters or any appliance with a pilot light.



- Wear tight-fitting or short-sleeved clothing while cooking on a grill.
- Keep children and pets away from grilling areas at all times.



This concludes the briefing. If you have any questions please contact Shawn Kelley at:

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