

# Safe grilling is no accident

Nothing says summer like the backyard cookout. Unfortunately, more grilling means more grill accidents (more than 10,000 home fires and thousands of injuries every year).<sup>1</sup> From peak season parties to cold weather barbeques, these tips will help you fire it up—safely.

-  **1. Come prepared.** Keep an extinguisher handy in case you need to put out a small fire.
-  **2. Give it some room.** Keep your grill away from siding and deck railings. And never use it indoors.
-  **3. Lose the fat.** Remove grease and fat build-up from your grill after every use.
-  **4. Air out the safety rules.** Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill area.
-  **5. Don't touch.** Never move a hot grill. Place cooled coals in a metal can with a lid.
-  **6. Never leave a hot grill alone.** Stay close and pay attention even when you're not cooking.



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/home-fire-safety/grilling>

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