

So, who wanted the well-done burger? Grilling Safety



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Every year hundreds of people are injured by improperly using their grills - from moving them indoors because it started raining to not starting them correctly, to pouring more lighter fluid over smoldering coals, the stupidity that takes over the minds of the grillers is endless. And, it is not just injuries that are a concern; an estimated \$30 million dollars' worth of direct property was lost in 2002 alone (NFBA estimates). That is property, as in houses burnt down, patios destroyed, outdoor furniture, fried to a crisp.



Don't let this happen to you this summer!

If you are the griller then pay heed to the simple grill safety tips, remember, you are cooking steaks, chickens and burgers, not your home!

- Follow all directions for using your grill- if your grill does not light, then wait a few minutes before trying again
- Do not ever try to "re-light" a waning fire
- Keep water handy for flare-ups and grease splatters and always use the best cooking method for the food you are cooking
- Do not put a frozen turkey into a vat of hot cooking grease unless you would like to see a turkey fly, your siding fry and your wife cry all at the same time
- Keep hot pads or something else handy- surfaces around your grill are likely to get hot. (This from the PhDs over at the Institute for Oh, Really?)

Remember, a cookout is supposed to be a good time with your friends, not a good time to test out the evacuation plans. Be careful out there.

Safety is an attitude that begins in our thoughts. We can create an accident-free environment at work and at home if we believe we can and are committed to the process.

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