

Sparky's Page



As warm weather approaches, bringing heat and humidity along with it, many people will be enjoying the bliss of South Carolina's summer evenings outside with friends and family. Everyone loves grilling out with the music on and the tea as cold as the ice it's in. But, grilling burgers and hot dogs can go wrong very fast. So, here are some safety tips to help keep you, your family, and your community safe this summer season.

1. Always grill outdoors.
2. Make sure to place grills away from the house and deck rails.
3. Ensure that the grill is out from under any covering or overhang before cooking (Electric grills that do not emit open flames may be used)
4. Keep all matches, lighters, lighter fluid away from children
5. Always ignite grills with the lid open to avoid an explosion from access gas build up
6. Never leave a hot grill unattended

If using a charcoal grill:

- Observe all previously listed tips
- Only use charcoal starter fluid (not gasoline)
- Charcoal releases high amounts of the deadly gas named Carbon Monoxide, so make sure to use in a well-ventilated area
- Soak remaining coals in water thoroughly when done cooking

We hope that these safety tips help keep you safe this summer. This list is not a complete list of safety initiatives but a general outline. Be sure to look over your grill and read the manufactures specifications on your particular grill. And, if there is an accident or fire be sure to call 9-1-1 immediately.

Stay Safe, Stay Smart,
Belmont Fire Prevention Team