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Outdoor cooking can be a fun activity, but there are some fire hazards and safety issues you need to be aware of. Read the following information to help keep your family safe at your next BBB.

- * Only use barbecue grills outdoors.**

- * Grills produce Carbon Monoxide, which can be fatal if used in a confined area.**

- * Keep grills away from your home and other combustibles such as paper, wood, and flammable liquids.**

- * Do not leave a grill unattended for any reason.**

- * Use only proper liquid charcoal lighter fluid to light a fire.**

- * If your fire begins to die, add dry kindling and fan the fire to revive it. DO NOT try to add flammable liquids to an already burning fire.**

- * When you are finished cooking, wait until the coals cool before leaving the grill unattended.* If you decide to**

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put out the fire with water, stand back so you do not get a steam burn.

* **If you use a grill fueled by LP gas, check fuel lines for leaks by coating them with a soap and water solution. Watch for bubbles to form. If your connections are not tight, have a specialist check them.**

* **Light LP gas grills by the manufacture's instructions. Turn off burner valves and the supply valve on the LP gas cylinder when the grill is not in use. Never store an LP gas grill indoors.**

* **When camping, use flashlights instead of candles at your campsite.**

* **Make sure you stand back from an open cook area like a campfire.**

* **If your clothes should catch on fire be sure to stop, drop, and roll.**

* **Be sure that all camping gear is labeled "fire retardant or flame resistant"**



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