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Barbecue Safety Tips

It's time to dust off the barbecue grill and invite family and friends to the backyard! As you're making your preparations; keep these safety tips in mind.

- Review the manufacturer's instructions and safety precautions before using your grill. **NEVER** use gasoline to start your cooking fire!
- Make sure the grill is clean. Burnt on food and leftover grease are fire hazards.
- Be sure the grill is located in a safe area. Keep clear of trees, wooden fencing or low hanging eaves. Do not barbecue on balconies of multistory buildings!
- Have a method to extinguish the fire in case it gets out of control. Close the lid or have a fire extinguisher, bucket of sand or water hose close to the grill.
- Use utensils with long handles (18" or more is best) that do not conduct heat.
- Protect your family; keep children away from the grilling area.

Help "Our Family Protect Your Family"