

FIVE RULES FOR...

Grilling Outdoors

While grilling provides a unique charred and smoky flavor to food, it also presents an elevated element of risk. Keep these safety tips from Pat O'Brien, Senior Risk Control Representative at Colorado's Society Insurance in mind as you fire up.

① GUYS, PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the owner's manual of the grill and follow the specific usage, assembly, and safety procedures. Note that grills should not be used on decks or balconies—and should not be used within 20 feet of a building, deck, building eave, or overhead tree branches.

② KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

Guests and pets should be at least three feet away from your grilling area. Also, make sure to keep the grill clean by removing grease and fat build-up. Never leave the grill unattended.

③ LOCATION IS KEY

Use the grill on a level, stable surface to avoid tipping over—and always grill outdoors in a well-ventilated area. Don't move the grill once it is hot and have a fire extinguisher ready nearby.

④ CHECK FOR LEAKS

If using a propane grill, always check the propane tank hose for cracks, holes, or leaks before using the grill. If you suspect a leak or smell gas while operating the grill, turn the grill off immediately. Any grill that might have a gas leak should be serviced by a qualified professional before you use it again. If a leak does not stop, immediately get away from the grill and call 911.

⑤ STICK TO CHARCOAL

If you are using a charcoal grill with starter fluid, only use charcoal starter fluid. Do not use gasoline or other non-approved flammable liquids. Do not apply starter fluid to charcoal that has already been ignited—and when you are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing of the ashes.

IMPORTANT: These tips are designed to assist you in recognizing potential safe work problems and not to establish compliance with any law, rule or regulation. For more information, visit societyinsurance.com.



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