

# THE RISK OBSERVER

Safety Information for Residents

## OUTDOOR GRILLING

Following is a list of safety guidelines to keep your grilling experience safe where grilling is permitted. Common sense and planning will prevent injuries and accidents.

- Always follow all posted warnings and safety procedures. Contact the community office if you have specific questions about using grills.
- Remain alert to others in the area and always be aware of the wind-blown sparks.
- When using a barbecue grill, be sure all parts are firmly in place and the grill is stable.
- Use long-handled barbecue utensils to avoid burns and splatters.
- Wear clothing that does not have hanging shirt tails, frills or apron strings, and use flame retardant mitts.
- To put out flare-ups, raise the grid the food is on, spread the coals out, or adjust the controls to lower the temperature.
- Never leave a grill unattended once it is lit.
- Don't allow anyone to conduct any activities around the grill when the grill is in use or following its use. All parts of the grill will become hot during the period of use and will remain hot for a period of time following its use. Keep combustible materials a safe distance away.
- Never attempt to move a grill while still hot.

### Gas Grill Guidelines

- When lighting a gas grill, always keep the lid open to prevent a flash off from gas build-up.
- Do not lean over the grill when igniting the burners or cooking.
- If a burner doesn't ignite, turn off the gas. Keep the grill lid open and wait five minutes before trying to light it again. If the burners go out during operation, turn all gas valves to OFF. Open the lid and wait five minutes before attempting to relight.

### Charcoal Grills Guidelines

- When using charcoal briquettes or wood chunks, form a pyramid and douse the briquettes/chunks with lighter fluid. Wait until the fluid has soaked in before lighting.
- Lighter fluid should be capped immediately and placed a safe distance from the grill.
- Never add lighter fluid to existing hot or warm coals.
- Never use gasoline, or kerosene or other highly flammable fluids as a starter. They can explode.
- When using instant light briquettes, do not use lighter fluid. Do not add more instant light briquettes once the fire has been lit. It is only OK to add non-instant charcoal briquettes if needed.
- Keep grill uncovered until ready to cook.
- Vents should be open while cooking. Charcoal briquettes/wood chunks require oxygen to burn.
- Please inform the community office if a grill needs ash removed. Do not attempt to remove or dispose of ashes.