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## PRESS RELEASE

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### “Grill Safety Tips”

The weather is warming up, if you are firing up the grill be sure to do it safely! Check out the below grill safety tips from the NFPA (National Fire Protections Association) and the members of South Wall Fire Rescue to enjoy a happy and safe grilling season! For more information visit Southwallfire.com or <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education>.

Here are some eye opening tips from Wall Fire District No. 3 in conjunction with the members of South Wall Fire Rescue Company.

#### GENERAL GRILLING TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grilling area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat build up from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

#### PROPANE GRILLS

##### Before you use your grill:

- Check the major connection points between the gas (propane) tank hose and the regulator and cylinder, and where the hose connects to the burners. Tighten if loose.

- Check the gas (propane) tank hose for the potential (gas) leaks. To do that:
  - Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose using a brush or spray bottle.
  - Turn the propane tank on. If there is a gas leak, the propane will release bubbles around the hose (big enough to see).
  - If there are no bubbles, your grill is safe to use.
  - If there are bubbles, turn off the tank and check connections, then have your grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
  - If the leak doesn't stop, call the fire department immediately.

**When the grill is on:**

- As you are cooking, if you smell gas, turn off the gas tank and burners.
- If the leak stops immediately, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If the smell continues, move away from the grill and call the fire department immediately. Do not move the grill.

**CHARCOAL GRILLS**

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.
- Do not dump the used coals in any brush or woods.