

Fireworks & Grilling Safety Tips



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July is the month for fireworks and grilling, which can provide hours of wholesome, family entertainment, but must be used by adults carefully and safely.

To ensure the safety of both the audience and those lighting the fireworks, we recommend that you obey the following fireworks safety measures during your fireworks display. Below are safety tips for fireworks and grilling:

- Children should not handle fireworks.
- Do not use alcohol with fireworks.
- Follow the laws; use common sense.
- Use fireworks outdoors, only on a hard surface in a clear, open area.
- Keep clear of the fireworks.
- Use care in lighting the fireworks and light only one at a time.
- Tie hair back, wear safety goggles and no loose fitting clothes.
- Do not use malfunctioning or “dud” items.
- Always keep water and sand close by – Sparklers should be immersed in sand once they appear out.
- Be cautious of windy conditions and use care in handling fireworks.
- Never use fireworks as weapons.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place and dispose of fireworks properly.
- Purchase fireworks from reliable dealers.
- Use caution with animals.
- Do not transport fireworks on airplanes.

You can cook almost anything on the grill, but some great food selections for grilling include chicken breasts, shrimp, scallops, steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs, thickly-sliced vegetables, and canned peach halves and pineapple slices. The following safety tips are designed to guide you through the grilling process. Remember, anytime you work with fire, there's a chance of getting burned. So, take precautions. Common sense and planning will prevent injuries.

- Read the owner's manual and know your grill well.
- Grills are for outside, only.
- Use in well-ventilated area.
- Keep grill stable and follow electric codes.
- Use long-handled utensils.
- Wear safe clothing & keep fire under control.
- Be ready to extinguish flames.
- Never leave a grill unattended once lit.
- Don't move a hot grill.

By following these simple safety rules you and your family will have a fun and enjoyable experience with your consumer fireworks and grilling while making lasting family memories.

Sources: <http://www.fireworks.com/safety/tips.asp> & <http://www.hpba.org/consumers/barbecue/general-grilling-safety>

