



# Surviving Summer: Tips to keep you safe

## Grilling Guidelines

- Keep grills outside and away from exterior walls.
  - If using a gas grill, check to be sure all hoses are tight and secure. If you smell gas while cooking, step away from the grill and call 911.
  - When cooking on a charcoal grill, never use gasoline, kerosene or add additional lighter fluid once the fire has started.
  - Clear a 3-foot area around campfires in the wild and keep water close in case you need to put the fire out quickly.
  - Keep grills clean and free of residue.
  - Don't leave a grill unattended, and keep children and pets away from flames.
  - Use long-handled cooking utensils to keep your body far from the heat source.
  - Be sure to keep food cold until it's time to cook and use a meat thermometer to ensure proper cooking temperature for meats. You don't want bacteria joining your party!
  - If you sustain a burn, remove clothing and accessories from the burn site, run cold water over injury to cool the skin, call 911.
- \*source: Mass.gov/blog\*



## Did you know?

The inside of a car on a summer day can reach 109° F in less than 10 minutes. Do not leave kids or pets in the car!

A sparkler burns at 1200° F. To put that into perspective, glass melts at 900°, wood burns at 575° and water boils at 212°.

It is estimated that fires from grills cause 10 deaths, 100 injuries and \$37 million in losses per year.

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