

## FIRE HAZARDS OF BARBECUES ON BALCONIES

With summer in full swing, nothing screams summer more than an outdoor barbecue in the comfort of your home or backyard. But before you fire up the grill, are you familiar with the safety rules associated with using a barbecue?

When barbecuing it is important to remember the hazards and cook with care, remembering to never leave food unattended, and always supervise the use of cooking appliances. Balcony fires pose a significant threat due to their potential to rapidly spread on the building exterior as well as to neighbouring properties.

## TIPS FOR A SAFE SUMMER

2 ft



Recommended distance  
around barbecue

24%



Fires Caused by Open  
Flame Appliances

July



Peak Grill Fires

## RISK CONTROL TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND



**Clean your grill regularly** to reduce smoking and potential for grease fires.



**Never use water or flour on a grease fire.** Instead, use baking soda or a fire extinguisher.



**Keep grills away** from walls, windows, vegetation and any other flammable substances.



**Ensure CSA listings** are adhered to for all open flame propane and natural gas appliances.



**Never leave grills or appliances unattended.** Keep children and pets away from the grill area.



**Call 911 as the situation requires.** Delaying emergency response increases risk significantly.

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