Grill Safety at Residential Properties

Grills should never be used on balconies or under building overhangs.

There are many great reasons to enjoy a meal cooked outdoors on a grill, but barbecuing can be dangerous if proper care isn’t taken. An average of 10 deaths and 160 injuries occur each year due to grilling accidents.¹

Your tenants may want to use grills on your property, but you can’t always be there to monitor for safe behaviors. That’s why it’s a good idea for you to know the guidelines for safe grilling, and share them with your tenants before they put on that apron and start cooking.

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**A Heavy Cost**

Fire departments respond to an average of 10,600 grilling fires each year, resulting in approximately $149 million in direct property damages.¹

**Beyond Property Damage Costs**

This can result in significant damage, loss of rents, and time to clean up and renovate which can affect multiple units.

**Take it Outside**

Use grills in designated outdoor areas only. Grill use indoors or in other enclosed spaces can trap toxic smoke and gases.

**Keep Grills Away From Structures**

Keep working grills at least 10 feet away from structures such as garages, carports, and decks, as well as overhead obstructions such as awnings and trees.

**Communal Grills**

Communal grills should be well maintained, have timers, and must be kept away from combustibles and combustible structures including overhangs.

**Balconies: Grills Not Allowed**

Final Note: Grills of any kind (even stored grills) should never be allowed on balconies.

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¹ "Home Grill Fires," NFPA

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