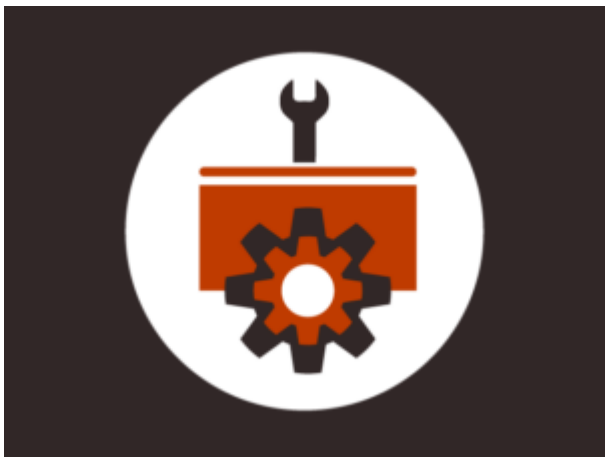
NFPA Barbecue Fire Fact Sheet



Useful facts about fires caused by grilling at home.

Home Fires Involving Grills

In 2005, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 8,300 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues, including 3,400 structure fires and 4,900 outside fires. These 8,200 fires caused 10 civilian deaths (to the nearest ten), 110 reported injuries and $137 million in direct property damage.

- Almost all the losses occurred in structure fires.
- The 3,400 home structure fires involving grills accounted for 2% of the reported home cooking equipment fires, 3% of associated civilian deaths, and 2% of associated civilian injuries, but 16% of the associated property damage.
- One-third (35%) of the non-confined home structure fires involving grills started on an exterior balcony or…