

# SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

## Heat-related Illnesses

While the Texas heat can pose an increased fire risk, the elements can be just as detrimental to your health. To learn more about heat-related illnesses, [click here](#).

## Grilling Safety

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from eaves and overhanging branches (Also: remember that according to Dallas, and International, Fire Code standards, grilling is prohibited on balconies).
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat build-up from the grills and trays below them.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

For tips, from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), specifically related to **Propane and Charcoal Grills**, [click here](#).

The NFPA also offers safety tips related to [Outdoor Entertaining](#) as well as the [General use of Propane](#).

## Wildland Fire Safety

- Do not discard cigarettes from moving vehicle – use an appropriate receptacle.
- Whether grilling or burning debris outdoors, never leave a fire unattended.
- Keep your lawn hydrated and maintained
- Trim trees so they do not hang over the roof of your house
- Make sure that leaves, debris and other combustible materials are cleared from your rain gutters and eaves

For recommended action steps, from the NFPA, for preventing a **Wildland Fire**, [click here](#).

## Young Firesetters

Children playing with fire cause hundreds of deaths and injuries each year. Preschoolers and kindergartners are most likely to start these fires, typically by playing with matches and lighters, and are most likely to die in them. Since most children are out of school in the summer months, [click here](#) for some things, from the NFPA, for parents know about children and fire.

**On that same note**, the following is a list of other safety tips that may pertain to the safety of your child:

- Visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for information on [Kids and Bicycle Safety](#).
- The American Red Cross has a wealth of knowledge on the topics of [General Swimming Safety](#) and [Home Pool Safety](#)
- Visit the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for tips on how to [Avoid Leaving Your Child in a Hot Car](#).
- Visit the Humane Society of the U.S. for tips on "[What to do if you see a Pet in a Parked Car.](#)"