

words of wisdom

from the Office of Residence Life



GRILLING SAFETY

Charcoal is a flammable solid material that when ignited remains hot for an extended period of time. Caution must be used when discarding coals. Never place coals in direct contact with anything combustible. Storage of flammable materials and grills are prohibited in residence halls.

GENERAL SAFETY

- Always operate your grill outside, away from structures; not under a balcony or open porch, and away from combustible vegetation.
- Gas and charcoal grills can produce carbon monoxide and other dangerous toxins so prevent smoke from entering structures.
- Place your grill on a flat surface and make sure the grill cannot be tipped over.
- Remove grease and fat buildup from the grill grate and the tray below the grill.
- Do not leave the grill unattended when flames or hot charcoal are still present. The grill may remain hot for a long period of time.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- Only use charcoal lighter fluid to start a charcoal grill. Do not add fluid after the charcoal is lit. A safer option is a chimney starter, which does not require any lighter fluid.
- Keep charcoal lighter fluid containers away from heat sources.
- Grill shut down: Wait for coals to stop burning and cool down completely. If available, wrap the coals in aluminum foil and discard in a non-combustible waste container.

Info from: Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office | www.vafire.com

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