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Bar B Q Grills and Balconies

Every year there is a significant number of fires caused by the use of outdoor grills on combustible balconies in apartment / condominium buildings and close proximity to combustible structures.

The North Maine Fire Protection District (NMFPD) asks that you refrain from using charcoal grills, open flame cooking appliances, propane and natural gas grills on combustible balconies or within ten (10) feet of a combustible structure.

We understand that most apartment / condominiums, associations / owners have rules and regulations that allow the use of these appliances. We further understand it is difficult to enforce the use of grills by so many. The NMFPD relies on the participation of all management companies, renters, owners and associations to monitor and address this matter. The NMFPD supports the position of all Condominium Association rules governing the use of said appliances.

You are strongly encouraged to read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for safely operating all outdoor cooking appliances. The NMFPD supports your insurance companies' practice requiring safety guidelines to be a part of your Association and Community rules, regulations, declarations, or covenants.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please contact the North Maine Fire Prevention Bureau Office at 847 297-5020 if you have any questions regarding this matter.