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Summer Safety Tips



Grilling:

- Stay with the grill when barbecuing, and keep children and pets well away from the area.
- Barbeques on wooden decks and other combustible building features must be a minimum of 18" from ignitable surfaces on all sides.
- When barbecuing, protect yourself by wearing a heavy apron and an oven mitt that fits high up over your forearm.
- Barbecue grills must never be used inside the home because, in addition to the fire hazard of indoor grilling, the grill can easily cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Soak the coals with water before you discard them in a metal container with a tight lid and leave the grill away from the house until completely cool.

Windows and Balconies:

- Use window guards for all windows above the first floor.
- Know that screens don't prevent falls.
- Window guards should open in case of fire.
- Open windows without guards at the top only, or use window stops so they only open a few inches.
- Never let kids play or sit near open windows.
- Keep beds, cribs and other furniture away from windows so kids can't climb up.
- Keep windows locked when they're closed.
- Don't let kids play on fire escapes, balconies or high porches or decks. Check that all railings are secure and have openings no more than 3½ inches.

Water Safety:

- Always watch kids in and around water.
- Bring a cell phone to the pool in case of emergency.
- If your apartment has a pool, inspect the fence and gate. If the gate does not lock or you find any other defects with the fence, report it to the apartment management immediately.
- Use life jackets when in or near open bodies of water or when participating in water sports.
- Teach kids water safety rules.



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