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GRILLE USE AT MULTIFAMILY OCCUPANCIES SUCH AS APARTMENTS AND CONDOMINIUMS

The use of grilles at these occupancies shall follow the requirements of NFPA 1, Fire Code, 2009 edition as adopted pursuant to RSA 153:5 in the State Fire Code Saf-C 6000.

NFPA 1, 10.11.6 For other than one and two-family dwellings, no hibachi, gas grille, or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose, shall be used or kindled on any balcony or under any overhanging portion or within 10 feet (3 m) of any structure.

NFPA 1, section 10.11.6, prohibits the use of grilles on balconies and under overhanging portions of the building.

NFPA 1, section 10.11.6.1, provides the following clarification. Listed equipment permanently installed in accordance with its listing, applicable codes, and manufacturer's instructions shall be permitted. (*NOTE: It is not the intent of this paragraph to allow the permanent installation of portable equipment.)

NFPA 1, section 10.11.6, prohibits the use of portable grilles on balconies and under overhanging portions of the building. The code goes on to say that listed equipment permanently installed is allowed. The term listed is one of great importance. The apparatus shall be used in accordance to its listing. This is to include location for use and distances to combustibles.

For grille use around one and two family dwellings the following safety tips are recommended.

- Grilles shall be used in accordance with the listing.
- Keep loose clothing away from the cooking surface and beware of grease flare-ups.
- Check hose on gas grilles for cracks and deterioration.
- Check your connections to the gas tank for leaks by applying a soap and water solution. If you see bubbles shut off the gas, clean and check for tightness and recheck again.

- Clean burner tubes and grille burner to allow efficient mixture of gas and even heating.
- Recreational fires, where permitted, shall be at least 25 feet from any combustibles, such as, your house, porch railings etc.

The grille shall never be used under any overhang of the building, including the garage, breezeway, carport or porch.