Summer Resident Safety Newsletter

The information that follows is intended as a helpful reminder to keep summer safety top of mind and ensure that you and your family have a safe and enjoyable summer!!

BBQ Safety

It makes sense that most grill fires occur during the summer months. According to the US Fire Administration, common causes of grill fires include: mechanical failure or malfunction, combustibles placed too close to the heat, and cooking left on the grill unattended.

Key Precautions to Keep in Mind

- Always grill outdoors - never use your grill indoors
- Never use charcoal grills on decks or porches
- Never leave the grill unattended
- Make certain the hose connection is tight and check the hoses for leaks.
- Turn the grill and fuel cylinder off immediately after grilling.

Pool Safety

A few simple things to keep in mind when going to the pool with your kids

- Always follow posted pool rules
- Never leave your children unattended
- No diving
- No running
- No horseplay
• No glass or sharp objects around the pool
• Wear sunscreen
• No toys in the pool

Playground Safety

Playgrounds can be a source of great fun for our children, but as with anything, exercise caution. Here are a few of the many safety tips to keep in mind.

• Follow posted playground rules
• Make sure that your children are wearing sunscreen
• Don’t forget shoes need to be worn at all times
• Beware of slides and other equipment that may become hot from the sun
• Don’t use a piece of equipment that appears to be broken. Report it to maintenance.
• Remind your children that:
  o They need to go down the slide one at a time
  o Always slide facing forward, but never head first
  o Always swing sitting down
  o Don’t stand in the way of another child on the swings
  o Always use handrails when climbing a piece of equipment
  o And always, walk, don’t run

Bicycle Safety

Safety first when it comes to riding a bike! Here a few good reminders to discuss with your children.

• Always wear a helmet
• Make sure your bike is in working order
• Stop at all stop signs and lights and obey traffic lights just as cars do
• Be especially careful at intersections
• Always ride in the same direction as cars do. Never ride against traffic
• Try to use bike lanes or designated bike routes whenever you can — not the sidewalk!
• Never ride at dusk or in the dark
• Always stop and check for traffic in both directions when leaving a driveway, an alley, or a curb
• Watch traffic closely for turning cars or cars leaving driveways
• Don’t ride too close to parked cars — doors can open suddenly
• Always walk a bike across busy intersections using the crosswalk and following traffic signals
• When riding in a group, always ride single file on the street
• Never share the seat with a friend or ride on the handlebars
• Never wear headphones while biking — it's essential to hear everyone else on the road at all times
• Never hitch a ride on a moving vehicle

Smoking Safety

Given the amount of time we all spend outside during summer months, extra caution must be used when smoking on your porch, deck or outside your building. Use an ashtray! Don’t put cigarettes out on a wooden deck. Also, use care not to throw light cigarettes into mulch, piles of dry grass or landscaping that could be ignited by a lit cigarette.

Garage Safety

If you have a garage, make sure to follow these simple safety suggestions.

• Follow all community guidelines
• Limit the amount of storage
• Don’t store anything within 3’ of any electrical panels or heaters
• Don’t store flammable and combustible liquids
• Don’t smoke in the garage- EVER!