



LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## 2003 Summer Fire Safety Regulations

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Dear Property Owner/Manager:

The Louisville Division of Fire is asking for your help in averting a national problem; tragic fires started by barbeque grills. The National Fire Protection Association reports that annually, there were 6,100 reported home fires involving gas or charcoal grills in the U.S., leading to 41 deaths, 260 injuries and \$29.1 million in direct property damage. The leading cause of LP-gas fires from 1994-1998 was part failure, leak, or break.

In October of 2002, the State of Kentucky adopted the 2000 Edition of the National Fire Protection Association, Fire Prevention Code (NFPA 1). I trust each of you will take the needed precautions, stipulated in this document, to provide for the utmost safety of all tenants. Therefore, no charcoal burners shall be kindled or maintained on combustible balconies or within 10 ft (3.1m) of combustible patios on ground floors. Also, NFPA 58 (Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases), prohibits gas grills with a tank capacity over 2.5 lb (1kg) on balconies of multi-family dwellings of three or more units located above each other.

You and your tenants have been very gracious in years past in complying with safety standards and working with our department to prevent such tragic incidents. I want to personally thank each and every one of you who have been so understanding of our position.

The Louisville Division of Fire wishes each of you a safe and enjoyable summer. If we can be of further assistance, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 502-574-3731.

Sincerely,

Donald D. Cummins, Lt. Col.  
Assistant Chief / Fire Marshal  
Louisville Fire & Rescue