

Fire and Burn Safety Tips

The arrival of warmer weather brings thoughts of grilling, campfires and other outdoor activities. These activities bring the potential of fires and/or burn injuries, which can result in property damage and/or serious medical complications. The following precautions should be taken:

- When grilling set the grill on a concrete or cement slab. Do not place on a wood deck. Maintain a 10 ft. distance between the grill and combustibles (i.e. house, garage, etc.) Do not allow children to play near or around an active grill.
- When having a campfire, avoid dry and/or windy conditions. Do not allow children to poke into the fire with sticks or other types of campfire utensils. Have a charged garden hose nearby. Make sure the fire is completely extinguished prior to leaving the area unattended. Check rules and regulations governing campfire legality in your municipality.
- To avoid sunburn, apply a minimum of SPF 30 sunblock early and often. Re-apply every 2-3 hours. Wear a hat during peak hours when the sun is the most intense. Utilize shaded areas whenever possible and be aware that sunburn can occur on cloudy days.

Burn Types:

- First degree (i.e. sunburn) – minor redness to skin and no blistering. Run cold water on the affected area for about 15 minutes. With sunburns you can take a cold shower and apply moisturizing lotion to the affected area.
- Second Degree – Blisters accompanied by redness. Seek medical attention.
- Third Degree – most serious with open blisters and charring is present in most advanced stages. Seek medical attention immediately.

Enjoy the outdoors but please take the above steps to stay safe. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue at 886-6200.