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**GRILL USE AT MULTIFAMILY OCCUPANCIES  
SUCH AS  
APPARTMENTS AND CONDOMINIUMS**

The use of grills at these occupancies shall follow the requirements of NFPA 1, Uniform Fire Code, 2003 edition as adopted pursuant to RSA 153:5 in the State Fire Code Saf-C 6000.

NFPA 1, "10.11.7 For other than one- and two-family dwellings, no hi-bachi, gas grill, 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. Listed electric ranges, grills, or similar electrical apparatus shall be permitted."

NFPA 1, section 10.11.7, Prohibits the use of grills on balconies and under overhanging portions of the building. The code goes on to say that listed electrical units are allowed. The term listed is one of great importance, when it comes to these electrical units. The apparatus shall be used in accordance to its listing. This is to include location for use and distances to combustibles.

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

- Grills shall be used in accordance with there listing.
- Keep loose clothing away from the cooking surface and beware of grease flare-ups.
- Check hose on gas grills 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 venturi tubes and grill burner to allow efficient mixture of gas and even heating.
- Use of gas grills, where permitted, shall be at least three feet from any combustibles, such as, your house, porch railings etc. The grill shall never be used under any overhang of the building, including the garage, breezeway, carport or porch.