

Many ways to get burned this Canada Day

Fire and Emergency Services (FES) encourages all residents to stay safe as they barbeque and set off fireworks this Canada Day.

“Before you fire up your barbeque, check the tank and hose for leaks, and make sure all debris is removed from the area,” said Chief Fire Prevention Officer Dave Pelayo. “When it comes to fireworks, they should be discharged well away from materials that can easily catch fire such as buildings, trees, dry grass, paper, so that everyone can enjoy themselves in a safe and responsible manner.”

Barbecues are for outdoor use only. If used indoors, a barbeque will begin to create carbon monoxide – an odourless, colourless, poisonous gas – which is extremely harmful when inhaled.

FES asks residents to please keep in mind the following safety tips:

Do not leave barbeque grills unattended.

Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

Barbeque grills should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.

If someone is burned, run cool water over the wound for three to five minutes and seek medical attention, if necessary.

During Canada Day celebrations fireworks may only be set off on July 1 and only on private property. Setting off of fireworks on public property, parklands, parks, roads or sidewalks is strictly prohibited.

Retailers can only sell fireworks during the ten (10) days prior to Canada Day, starting June 21, 2018. All retailers MUST purchase a permit at Fire and Emergency Services, 6211 Old Church Rd, Caledon East.

FES asks residents to please keep in mind the following safety tips:

Keep sparklers away from children. Hot sparklers can burn.

Appoint a responsible person to be in charge.

Carefully read and follow the directions on fireworks packaging.

Always keep a hose or pail of water close by when discharging fireworks.

Place discharged fireworks in a bucket full of water, well away from buildings, and combustible materials such as garbage, trees, or dry grass.