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Conditions for Open Flame cooking devices on Balconies & Decks for Multi Family residences

Capital City Fire/Rescue wants your help in reducing the risk and devastating effects of a fire caused by grilling on or near a deck or balcony of an apartment complex. As the weather warms up and the idea of grilling outside comes to mind, the incidents of apartment balcony fires increase. Cities across the Nation, just like ours, have experienced this very real and tragic event.

What the Fire Code says about Open Flame cooking devices on Balconies:

The operation of open flame cooking devices is strictly prohibited on balconies made of combustible construction, or within 10 feet of combustible construction. No grill may be used or stored in breezeways, balconies/patios, stairways, or exit access area.

The only exceptions to the above are:

- one- and two-family dwellings
- Where the building, balcony and deck are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
- LP gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2.5 pounds (*IFC 2009 308.1.4*)