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## SAFE BBQ-IQ

### Follow these simple tips to maintain

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During the summer months, many college campuses are quiet and lazy without the hustle and bustle of the students. Many of us will use this time to share in the celebrations of our Nation's Independence, Father's Day, graduations, weddings and so on.

On behalf of the Department of Campus Safety and Security at Meharry Medical College, we wish you a safe and happy summer and encourage you to practice life safety at every chance.

For those students who are here utilizing summer programs, the DCSS would like to help ensure you are being safe while participating in celebrations during the spring/summer.

Since most of these activities take place outdoors, the DCSS would like to refresh your safe BBQ-IQ. Below you will find safe tips to ensure a safe BBQ at home or on campus:

First, you should start by protecting your skin from harmful UV rays and burn injuries.

Secondly, hydrate your body with plenty of water and decaffeinated drinks.

#### Charcoal Grill

Use insulated, flame-retardant mitts or long-handled barbecue tongs and utensils.

Always remain a minimum of 10 feet away from your house or any buildings.

Never leave young children or pets unattended near a

hot grill. Never use gasoline or kerosene to light a charcoal fire.

Do not attempt to restart a flame by adding additional lighting fluid to an already-lit grill, as this can cause a flare-up.

Dispose of charcoal away from kids and pets, and cool it down with a hose. According to Campus Fire Facts, coals get Hot-up to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

#### Gas Grill

Remember, always check the grill hoses for cracking, holes, leaks, and brittleness. Make sure there are no kinks in the hose or tubing.

Check the tubes leading into the burner for any blockages from insects,

Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear any obstruction and pass it through to the main part of the burners.

Check for gas leaks by following the manufacturer's instructions. If you smell gas, especially when you reconnect the grill to the propane tank disconnect it immediately. NEVER, use a match to check for leaks; instead, immediately turn off the gas and do not attempt to light the grill again until the leak is fixed.

If you would like to view a "grill safety video" utilize the link below:  
[www.ul.com/newsroom/grills/video.html](http://www.ul.com/newsroom/grills/video.html)

Thanks for making your campus and home safe.

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY  
911-Metro Police

ON-CAMPUS  
EMERGENCY  
6666

OFFICE OF SAFETY AND  
SECURITY  
327- 6254

METRO POLICE  
NON-EMERGENCY  
615-862-8600

### On-Campus Living Security Tips

- Know campus rules and regulations
- Do not prop doors open.
- Never lend your key or I.D. card.
- Always escort guests.
- Do not leave windows open, especially those on the first floor.
- Don't be afraid to make waves if you feel threatened.
- Attend parties with friends you can trust.
- When you are traveling on foot or in your car stay tuned in to your surroundings.
- Never travel alone at night.
- Do not invite strangers into your dorm area.
- Report all thefts, vandalisms, and suspicious activity to Campus Safety and Security.