

Fact Sheet

Grilling on Apartment Balconies

- Washington State's Legislature approved adoption of the International Fire Code last year after a recommendation from the State Building Code Council. The council provides independent analysis and advice to the Legislature and the governor on state building code issues. The changes come from a new 600-page International Building Code, which merges the country's three regional building codes. This new code takes effect July 1, 2004.
- The International Fire Code Sections 308.3.1 regarding use the charcoal burning grills and 308.3.1.1 regarding LPG fueled cooking devices were not adopted. Which means they will not be part of the Washington State adoption of the International Fire Code that goes into affect on July 1, 2004.
- In Washington State there were five fires caused by grills in multi-residential buildings reported from 2001 through 2003 causing \$3,750 in property damage.
- For more information on BBQ Safety and Apartment Fire Safety see:
 - Office of the State Fire Marshal BBQ Safety, Fire Prevention Guidelines
 - Office of the State Fire Marshal Apartment Safety, Fire Prevention Guidelines
 - <http://www.nfpa.org/Research/NFPAFactSheets/Grilling/grilling.asp>