Summer Fire Safety: fire is Everyone's Fight | CPD

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Summer is a great time to practice fire safety.

Summer is an exciting time. I am looking forward to spending time outside, going to the pool or beach, enjoying picnics with friends and family and, of course, vacation. However, fire never takes a vacation. Even in the festive summertime, you need to test the batteries in your smoke alarms every month and practice your home escape plan. Know two ways out of every room. If you have trouble hearing the alarm, there are alarms available with strobe lights and bed shakers to ensure you wake up when the alarm sounds. If you stay in a hotel, make sure you become familiar with where the exits are located. Count the doors from your room to the exit. Know where the stairs are. If you are unable to use the stairs unassisted, consider requesting a first floor room and let the front desk know that in case of an emergency, you may require some additional assistance. Summertime also brings fires and injuries due to fireworks and outdoor cooking. Knowing a few fire safety tips will help you enjoy these activities safely. The best way to protect your family is not to use fireworks at home. Leave that to the professionals and enjoy a community display. Fireworks are very dangerous. The tip of a sparkler is hotter than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit; this is hot enough to cause third-degree burns. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs are my summertime favorites, but before you start that grill this summer, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the fuel lines don’t have any cracks or holes in them. Once you know your grill is in good working condition, make sure you use it safely. Always open the grill lid before lighting. Do not add lighter fluid to an already lit fire and keep a three-foot safety zone around the grill. Use long handled utensils to keep your hands and arms away from the heat. Summer is a time for fun and happy memories, but don’t forget to practice fire safety. Remember, Fire is Everyone’s Fight™. We all have a role to play in keeping ourselves and loved ones safe!