



SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Renton Regional Fire Authority

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION

May 2022

Renton Regional Fire Authority receives calls each year regarding recreational fires. The following information comes from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and the International Fire Code as adopted by law, which regulates outdoor burning. Recreational fires are defined as cooking fires and charcoal barbecues, campfires and bonfires in designed areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure or ceremonial purposes. Fires lit in chimineas, fire pits, fire bowls and similar free-standing devices (except burn barrels which are illegal) fall under this definition. They are allowed in both urban and unincorporated areas.

Put Safety First and Ensure You Meet These Requirements:

- **Keep it small.** Fires must not exceed three feet in diameter or two feet in height.
- **Only use the allowed fuel.** Only charcoal, dried firewood or manufactured fire logs may be used. **It is illegal to burn anything else.**
- **Stay clear of structures.** Fires are required to be 25 feet away from structures or combustible items (such as a fence).
- **Constant attendance is required.** A person capable of extinguishing the fire must attend it all times, and the fire must be extinguished before you leave.
- **Mind all bans.** Recreational fires are always prohibited during air-quality and fire safety burn bans.
- **Be a good neighbor.** If smoke from your fire bothers your neighbors, damages their property or otherwise causes a nuisance, you must immediately put it out.

Window Safety in Your Home

Nice weather may mean allowing fresh air into our homes. However open windows, especially upper-story ones, can create fall out. We offer you the following safety tips:

- A window screen is NOT enough to keep children safe. Young children should always be supervised.
- Install window locks or guards on windows to prevent from opening more than 5 inches. Window locks and guard hard
- Move furniture away from windows to reduce access to the window.
- Teach your children how to safely use a window to escape during an emergency.



Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.



SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill 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.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your grass grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



Significant Incidents:

Significant Incident Monthly Summary: April 2022

- **1594 Total Incidents (RFA Responses)**
 - 3 Significant Incidents
 - 2 Significant EMS Calls
 - 0 Significant Fire Calls
 - 1 Significant Special Ops Call
 - 0 Significant Malicious False Alarm Calls
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- **On Wednesday, April 6th**, Renton RFA responded to a motor vehicle/pedestrian accident in Station 17's area on the corner of SE 171st Way and 140th Ave SE. Renton RFA responded with Puget Sound RFA and King County Medic One and 1 aid unit, 1 engine and 1 officer rig for a total of 7 RFA personnel. A pedestrian was crossing the street from the corner of SE 171st Way and 140th Ave SE and was struck by a white van. Units arrived on scene to find one patient down in the road (inside lane of 2 northbound lanes on 140th Ave SE) and conducted a rapid triage and scene safety. The patient had obvious injuries, not compatible with life. A317 took over triage for any other patients and E317 conducted patient care. KCSO officers arrived, secured the scene and conducted their investigation.
 - **On Monday, April 25th**, Renton RFA responded to a chemical spill/leak in Station 13's area at the local hospital located at 400 SW 43rd St. Renton RFA responded with 1 engine, 1 Hazmat unit and 1 officer rig for a total of 7 RFA personnel. Boiler room operator performing a transfer of CH₂O from one tank to another when he noticed a reaction in the tank. Chemicals were bubbling over and emitting gas. HM314 was on scene and assigned to recon. E313 assigned decon and deny entry. Hospital placed on Code Orange alert which indicates a Haz Mat leak (shelter in place, no evac). HM314 confirmed atmosphere in boiler room within normal limits, products contained in their vessels. Determined to let product stabilize and continued to monitor air and temp readings. Hospital Safety Manager called ACT Enviro, a Haz Mat clean up company.
 - **On Friday, April 29th**, Renton RFA responded to 2-car head on collision at the intersection of SE 128th St and Patriot Way SE in station 16's area. Renton RFA responded with Eastside Fire and Rescue, KC Medic-One, KC Sheriff Office and Tri-Med Ambulance and 1 aid unit, 2 engines and 1 officer rig for a total of 9 RFA personnel. Driver in a pick-up truck swerved to avoid something in the road and collided head on with a KIA Soul. E316 arrived on scene to a two car, heavy mechanism MVA with patients tagged as one red, one yellow and one green. E178 assigned to extract female trapped in the vehicle. L311 arrived and assisted with extrication while A312 was assigned to patient care. Driver of the pick-up truck was re-triaged from yellow to red; Medic-One transported to Harborview. Passenger of pick-up was re-triaged from green to yellow: Tri-Med transported to Harborview. Driver of KIA Soul was re-triaged from red to striped, carefully extricated and placed in the A312 unit until the medical examiner arrived. KCSO secured the scene and conducted their investigation.