

Safety Tips to Minimize Risk

- Burn Prevention

- . Gas Stations – did you know that using your cell phone while pumping gas is extremely dangerous? But so is getting in and out of your car while gas is being pumped into your fuel tank. Both activities generate “static electricity” which can “spark” a fire in your car’s gas tank. Should this occur – DO NOT REMOVE the nozzle from the car. Let the fire burn itself out (if you take the nozzle out it could cause an explosion). How do you prevent this from occurring? Before you begin to pump fuel into your tank touch a metal object (such as the cars hood) with your hand to get rid of any build of static electricity.
- . Loose Clothing – Tuck all loose clothing in when around any open flame. The flames from a grill, fireplace or campfire will ignite clothing instantly.
- . Careless Smoking – If you choose to smoke, dispose of the matches and smoking materials very carefully. Fire is even more dangerous than smoking.
- . Car Repairs – Don’t hurt or injure yourself while repairing your vehicle. Use extreme caution when working on a car battery or radiator.
- . Too Much Sun – enjoy the sun, but do not push your luck. Always wear protective clothing and sunscreen. A bad burn today could become skin cancer in the future.
- . Lit Candles – Lit candles present an open flame. Keep candles away from hair, clothing, curtains and other combustible material. Never go to sleep or leave the room where a candle is burning.
- . Refueling Hot Engines – never add fuel to a hot lawnmower, motor bike or any other such item where the fuel tank is in close proximity to the engine. Wait until the engine has cooled down to avoid a potential fire situation.
- . Aerosol Sprays – Never light a match or a lighter near an aerosol can. Many children are seriously injured each year by this dangerous activity.
- . Hair Dryers – Dry your hair with care. Believe it or not, hair can be pulled into the dryer and catch on fire. Read the instructions on the dryer before you use it.
- . Hot Foods or Liquids - Take extra care in the kitchen. Use oven mitts to carry hot food dishes and liquid containers. And always follow the directions when using a microwave.