MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Cedar Rapids Fire Department is to mitigate threats to the health and property of our community through emergency response, quality education and prevention programs.

VISION STATEMENT
Working together to make Cedar Rapids a safer community.

VALUES
Respect: Through demonstration by recognizing honesty, fairness, loyalty, and dignity of others.
Leadership: Leadership is everyone’s responsibility.
Teamwork: A cooperative effort through communication and vision to achieve our common goal.
Service: An excellent, specialized, and progressive benefit.

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Several years ago CRFD dealt with a large fire at an apartment complex due to the usage of a propane grill on the balcony. Be sure you know the Fire Code and what types of grills are legal in/around apartments & condominiums.

What is allowed?
- Propane grill with one pound LP-Gas containers.
- UL listed electric grill.
- Natural-gas grills installed by a licensed mechanical contractor.

Other information
- You can store only two, one pound containers in each apartment/condo.
- A large propane grill can be fitted with an adaptor for a one pound cylinder.
- Never store a 20 lb. container inside any building (exception-detached garage).

SAFETY INFORMATION

Ground floor only
- Propane grill & LP container should be at least 20 ft. from the building’s multi-tenant, exit door.
- Never carry ashes into or throughout any building.
- A charcoal grill can be used on the ground floor only if it is on a non-combustible surface and more than 10 feet from combustible materials.

What is NOT allowed above the ground floor?
- Propane grill & LP container bigger than one pound
- Charcoal grills are NOT allowed above the first floor

Carrying a large propane tank up the stairs/elevator is very dangerous. Dropping one 20 pound propane tank has the same energy as six sticks of dynamite.

NOTE: If your balcony has approved exterior outdoor steps (is not a required exit and is built of non-combustible materials) then propane grills with 20 pound tanks may be used ONLY when the 20 pound container is transported via the steps and NOT through the building.

Why do single family homes have different laws?

Multi-family complexes carry more life safety hazards than single family dwellings due to more occupants. Fires in multi-family units can have a horrible impact on many lives.

What happens when people ignore these rules?
- Notify the complex manager.
- If no action is taken, notify the manager or fire department in writing.
- People who violate these rules violate the Cedar Rapids Fire Code, Chapter 37 of the Cedar Rapids Municipal Code.
- VIOLATORS MAY BE CITED and face FINES and/or face other legal action.