

Soundbite script – Staying safe around the grill

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"Some people try to light them with matches or gasoline or try to do some crazy things. We want people to be safe and use common sense." (:17)

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"Garages are a very dangerous place. You think 'I'm going to get out of the rain, or I'll be able to grill year-round' and it's going to be warm and safe. But you have turpentine, gasoline, all different types of gas products in the garage that you might use for your lawn mowers or weed eaters." (:16)

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"I really believe everybody should probably have a fire extinguisher in their home without question. Having a fire extinguisher close to a grill site is probably the best piece of advice that I can offer." (:12)

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"You should have good control and setup and instead of having them directly on the fire, maybe put them a level up if you have a two-tiered grill to minimize that grease falling on the pit and actually flaming up significantly." (:14)