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## **THE GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT WANTS RESIDENTS TO "CELEBRATE SAFETY" THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**Glendale, Ariz.** — The 4th of July is always a popular time for friends and family to get together. Many households will be decorating, cooking and entertaining. This Independence Day, the Glendale Fire Department is urging residents to “celebrate safety,” as there are many dangers overlooked during celebrations.

According to the United States Fire Administration, more fires are reported on July 4th than any other day of the year and brush, and outside fires increase substantially due to family outings and the misuse of fireworks.

Any celebratory gathering should be a joyous and happy time spent with friends and relatives. To make sure it truly is a Happy 4th of July, please follow these safety tips:

- Leave the fireworks to the professionals by attending a public display of fireworks instead of using them at your home.
- If you choose to use fireworks at your home, never use them indoors or near dry brush or grass.
- Do not allow children to use fireworks including sparklers, which can burn at over 1200 degrees Fahrenheit. Have them use glow sticks instead.
- When lighting fireworks, always have a bucket of water, water hose or fire extinguisher nearby.
- When cooking for visitors, be sure to keep an eye on the oven and barbecue as unattended cooking is responsible for a majority of house fires across the nation and causes an estimated 400 deaths and \$1 billion in direct property damage every year.

- Enforce a “kid-free zone” of three feet around cooking areas and turn handles inward away from the reach of small children
- Never pour water onto a grease fire and never discharge a fire extinguisher onto a pan fire, doing so will spread the fire.
- Take a moment to test your smoke detector before cooking.
- Never use grills or fryers indoors.
- Discuss your escape plan with visitors in the event a fire breaks out.
- Never leave a candle burning unattended.
- Keep candles clear of curtains, decorations, and other combustibles.
- Always watch kids around water! If you are not using the pool, make sure the gate or door that leads to the pool is always locked.
- Learn or review first-aid skills to aid someone who is choking or having a heart attack.
- Learn “hands-only” CPR in the event someone stops breathing, or heart stops. Go to [www.glendaleaz.com/fire](http://www.glendaleaz.com/fire) to learn “hands-only” CPR...ITS THAT EASY!

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