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## **Cooking on Balconies of Apartments**

### **NOTIFICATION OF TENANTS**

In accordance with the Fire Code the management of multi-family residential occupancies which have balconies, decks, or patios should notify their tenants in writing of the prohibitions outlined in section 308 of this code when the tenant or occupant initially occupies the building and periodically thereafter as may be necessary to ensure compliance.

### **Cooking on Balconies**

The Fire Prevention Code prohibits any open flame cooking devices to be operated on a balcony or within 10 feet of an apartment or condominium.

### **Storage of L.P. Gas or Gas Grills**

L.P. gas grills cannot be stored on a balcony. It is important to note that L.P. gas cylinders cannot be stored inside the condominium or apartment unit or anywhere above the first floor.

Many condominiums or apartment complexes have regulations on the use of cooking grills that exceed fire code requirements. Check with your management staff to see what requirements apply to use grills at your complex.

Reference: 2009 International Fire Code Section 308.3.1. Open Flame

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