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Guidelines and Specifications For:

Grilling and Outdoor Portable Heaters or Fireplaces

Applicable Codes and Standards:

VSFPC - Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (2018)

General Requirements for Grills	Code Section
Open-flame cooking devices (grills, charcoal burners, etc.) shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction except for use at single family homes or townhouses.	VSFPC 308.1.4
In all cases, open flame cooking devices shall be attended during use and only operated in accordance with manufacturer's instructions .	VSFPC 308.1.6

General Requirements for Outdoor Portable Heaters and Fireplaces	Code Section
Portable outdoor fire places and similar devices shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material except for use at single family homes or townhouses.	VSFPC 307.4.3
In all cases, portable outdoor fire places shall be attended during use and only operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions .	VSFPC 307.4.5
The storage or use of portable outdoor gas-fired heating appliances is prohibited inside of any building (when connected to a fuel container), inside of tents, and on exterior balconies unless in accordance with NFPA 58 and approved.	VSFPC 604.2.1.1
Portable outdoor gas-fired heating appliances shall be located at least 5 feet from buildings or combustibles decorations, overhangs, or other attachments to buildings and at least 5 feet from exits or egress paths .	VSFPC 604.2.1.3



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