



# LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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## Summer Safety

### Summer Facts:

More than one in five drowning victims are children 14-years-old and younger, and most incidents happen when a child falls into a pool or is left alone in the bathtub.

Each year about 30 people are injured as a result of gas grill fires and explosions.

Properly-fitted helmets can reduce the risk of head injuries by at least 45 percent – yet less than half of children 14 and under usually wear a bike helmet.

Unintentional falls are the leading cause of non-fatal injuries for children in the United States. In 2013, unintentional falls resulted in nearly 2,578,235 injuries requiring treatment in an emergency room.

### Local Statistics:

In 2016, VFD responded to 4 outside equipment fires in which property damage totaled \$20,350.



### Safety Tips:

- Find age-appropriate swim lessons for your child, but keep in mind that lessons do not make your child "drown-proof"
- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.

- Wear a properly-fitted helmet. It is the best way to prevent head injuries and death.
- Take your kids to playgrounds with shock-absorbing surfaces such as rubber, synthetic turf, sand, pea gravel, wood chips or mulch.

### Always Remember

- Never leave your child unattended around water.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.

### National Fire Protection Association

<http://www.nfpa.org/news-and-research/news-and-media/press-room/news-releases/2016/summer-season-peak-time-for-grilling-fires> & <https://www.safekids.org>  
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### Fire Safety Word Search

JSGDUEBSUMMERFUNLLMOL  
BHDCVVDCJNCCIJFPNNSI  
BDHVACATIONOMCMNOVBTF  
NCJNNDISNEYWORLDNOJEU  
SWIMMINGPOOLCJNONEIMC  
XVGSVDVGRILLINGCFCWJJKK  
CXVEUVVBLUEWATERSKMCP  
XSJXNNDPJCPWCBEACHES  
BJVBBSAFETYVPCOPCONCVO

### Fire Safety Quiz

1. On average, 37 children die from heat-related deaths after being trapped inside vehicles.
  - A. True
  - B. False
2. The month of \_\_\_\_\_ has the most occurrences of youth fire setting than any other month.
  - A. January
  - B. September
  - C. July
  - D. December

Correct Answers: 1. A, 2. C

## The men and women of the City of Valdosta's Fire Department would like to wish everyone a safe and fun Summer season.

Did you know that the Valdosta Fire Department does offer fire and life safety classes. For more information about these classes, please contact Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835.

Did you know that more than one-quarter (27 percent) of home structure grill fires started on an exterior balcony or open porch, and another 27 percent started in a courtyard, terrace or patio.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer, please contact Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email [valdostafire@valdostacity.com](mailto:valdostafire@valdostacity.com)



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