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As the summer season approaches, we would like to take a moment to remind all residents about the use of barbecues on balconies.

Whilst we understand that barbecuing is a popular activity during the warmer months, it is important for residents to prioritise the safety and well being of all residents in the building.

The use of open flames especially in the close proximity to buildings causes a significant fire risk and endangers the lives of all residents.

The NFCC does not recommend the use of any barbecues on balconies, even those marketed as being for use on balconies. In these cases, the recommendation of extinguishers to be kept nearby is insufficient and irresponsible and goes against national advice to never tackle a fire yourself.

- Other products such as fire-pits, patio heaters and chimineas should also not be used on balconies.
- Do not discard cigarettes or smoking materials on or over the balcony. Use a sturdy ashtray with a small amount of water in it to ensure material is fully extinguished.
- Balconies should not be used for storage.
- Flammable or hazardous materials such as gas cylinders should not be stored on a balcony.
- White goods should not be stored or used on balconies.
- Do not use or set off fireworks / sky lanterns from a balcony.
- Don't make modifications to your balcony such as installing combustible screening.

We kindly request your co-operation in adhering to this policy for the safety and well-being of the residents and building.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.