



# TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

**LIFE SAFETY DIVISION**

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## IMPORTANT FIRE SAFETY BULLETIN - **BALCONY FIRE**

On the evening of September 4, 2017 a fire occurred at *The Pines at Castle Rock Apartments* in Castle Rock.



The cause of this fire was due to the prohibited use of a propane bar-b-que grill on an exterior second floor balcony.

The fire spread quickly up the outside of the building to the third floor balcony where it came into contact with another prohibited BBQ grill and two additional 20-pound propane cylinders which contributed to the fire entering into the building's attic space and above several living units.

As firefighters fought the flames, significant smoke, fire and water damaged 12 units. Over 40 residents were displaced and one person was transported to the hospital with injuries.

This event should serve as a strong reminder why the Town's fire code (§ 308.1.4) prevents the use of open flame cooking devices on combustible balconies in apartment and condominium complexes. *(Such devices may only be used if your balcony is protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system.)* An acceptable alternate cooking device is a small, camp-type gas stove (2.5-pound or less). If you have questions on whether or not your balcony is fire sprinklered, contact your complex manager.

Life safety is your Fire Department's highest priority. In response to this recent event we are asking that all large grills be removed from multi-family residences and nonsprinklered decks/balconies immediately.



Illegal use of open flame cooking devices on unprotected decks and balconies may result in significant fines and/or imprisonment, as well as civil liability.

***For more information please contact the Life Safety Division***



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