



## Cooking Out

A firefighter battles an apartment fire in Virginia Beach, VA last year. I took this picture after seeing and smelling smoke at my home almost five miles away.

The fire destroyed an apartment complex and left dozens with no place to live. What was the cause of this fire? A tenant fired up a grill (which was against the apartment rules) to cook out on a second floor patio. The grill caught the side of the apartment on fire, and spread quickly.

The next time you cook out, take a look around you. Identify and assess the hazards. Make risk decisions. Implement controls and supervise. That's what risk management is all about ... whether you're on or off duty.