

April Ground Safety

As the weather heats up more and more of us will start to take advantage of the Alabama heat. Boating on the lakes in the local area adds to our recreation enjoyment, but comes with some risks. **Barbecuing every week is required under the Alabama state laws.**

Follow these guidelines and you'll be safe and still have fun:

BOATING SAFETY



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- While boating anyone less than 16 yrs must be accompanied by someone 18 yrs or older.
- Under 13 yrs must wear a Personnel Floating Device (PFD) approved by USCG. However, it is a good idea for all to wear especially those who are not great swimmers.
- PFD's are required for everyone on the boat and must be readily accessible.

- **A major cause of mishaps is reckless operation coupled with alcohol.**
- **Reckless operation is excessive speed, operating swimming area, and bow riding**

Watch out for snorkeling, they should put out diver flags. Maintain 50 feet away from the area.

Personal watercraft (Jet Ski)

- Very dangerous, especially if your first time riding them is the 2 hour rental at Bubba's shop.
- Must have PFD on – all the time no matter what the age
- Must have a lanyard type cut-off switch
- Not operate within 50ft of another vessel

Water Skiing

- Must have observer at least 13 yrs old
- Only from ½ hour prior to sunrise to ½ hour after sunset

Boating Intoxication – Don't Do It!! First Offense - \$2000 fine and 180 days of Jail

Barbecue Safety

Every year people are killed/injured in fires/explosions because of carelessness

- Food preparation
- Food poisoning – Clean the grill and utensils,
 - Cook the meat thoroughly
 - After cooking leave the grill on Hot for a while to clean the grill

Fire Hazards

- Keep grill away from combustibles/buildings (3 feet)
- Be aware of the winds
- Don't cook inside the garage
- Have a fire extinguisher available
- Don't wear loose clothing

Use proper starter fluid (not gas)

- Don't dump more fluid on hot coals/flame

Watch the children playing around the hot grill

Gas Grills

- Check for leaks
- Never light with grill closed
- When done turn off burners and bottle

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