



Barbecue grill cause of Cherry Hill blaze

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A barbecue grill caused the fire at a home in Barclay Farm on Saturday, a Cherry Hill fire official said Sunday. Fire department battalion Chief Michael lanetta said a malfunctioning propane grill on the back deck caused the fire, which seriously damaged a two-story frame home at 108 Tarlton Court. The owner and two children at the home escaped injury after a neighbor knocked on the door to alert them to the fire at the back of the home.

lanetta said the grill ignited the plastic composite boards of the back deck, the vinyl siding on the back of the house and entered the home through an open patio door and quickly spread. He said the burning plastic caused the thick black smoke that billowed over the development and Route 70.

"People need to know that can be the danger of keeping any kind of barbecue on a deck of wood or man-made and too close to the house," the chief said. He suggested keeping a grill at ground level off the deck and away from the house and anything flammable.

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