

Mich. fire kills pregnant mom, three kids

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DETROIT -- A pregnant mother and her three children were killed Monday when their Detroit home was engulfed by fire that may have originated from a barbecue grill.

The Detroit News' Web site reported that the woman was killed in the fire along with her 3-year-old son and her two daughters, ages 5 and 7, while the children's father survived with severe burns.

The man was pulled from the blaze by neighbors but not before receiving burns to more than 85 percent of his body. He was listed in critical condition Monday afternoon, the News said.

Fire officials said that while no official cause of the fire has been determined, a barbecue grill likely left lit on the family's back porch may be the cause.

The Web site said that the early morning fire Monday also came one day after a pair of deadly fires occurred in Detroit. A 14-year-old girl was killed in a blaze on Detroit's southwest side Sunday, while an earlier fire on the city's east side took the life of an unidentified man.

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