

Kitchen Fire Prevention

Don't let dinner go up in flames....

The table is set, the turkey is roasting and the family is ready to eat. Just a few more things to prepare and the feast can begin. As you are preparing your homemade gravy, the doorbell rings. You take your apron off quickly and throw it on the counter as you go to greet your guests. Walking back into the kitchen, you smell something burning. You turn to face the stove and see that your apron is on fire. Quickly, you see your dinner plans go up in flames.

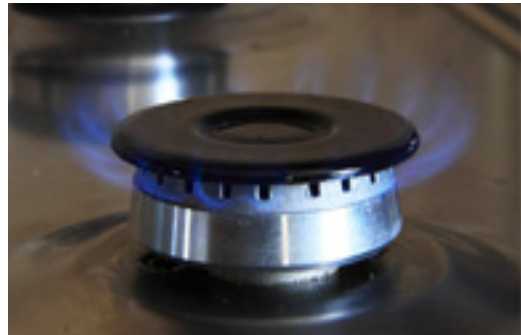
Kitchen fires are the leading cause of house fires.

Keep your kitchen safe:

- Do not leave food cooking on the stovetop unattended.
- If baking or simmering food check back often.
- Set a timer to remind yourself that food is cooking.
- Never leave the house with the stovetop or oven on.



(Kitchen Fire Damage)



Keep your family safe:

- Always plug equipment into a wall unit, do not use an extension cord.
- Keep appliances clean and free of crumbs and spill.
- Install a fire alarm near, but not in the kitchen.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking
- Keep oven mitts, towels, wrappers and wooden spoons away from the stovetop.

If a fire starts:

- Keep a pan lid and oven mitt close by to smother small grease fires.
- If the oven catches on fire, keep the door shut and get everyone out of the house.
- If the microwave oven catches on fire, keep the door shut and unplug from the wall.
- If your clothes catch on fire, stop, drop and roll. After the fire is out, let cool water run over the burn for 5 minutes.
- When in doubt, just get out and call 911.

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