



THANKSGIVING FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY

KEEP FIRE SAFETY IN MIND IN THE KITCHEN DURING THIS JOYOUS BUT HECTIC TIME. AS YOU START PREPARING YOUR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AND ORGANIZING THAT LARGE FAMILY FEAST, REMEMBER, BY FOLLOWING A FEW SIMPLE SAFETY TIPS YOU CAN ENJOY TIME WITH YOUR LOVED ONES AND KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY SAFER FROM FIRE.



COOK WITH CAUTION!



- STAY IN THE KITCHEN WHEN YOU ARE COOKING ON THE STOVE TOP SO YOU CAN KEEP AN EYE ON THE FOOD.
- KEEP CHILDREN AWAY FROM THE STOVE. THE STOVE WILL BE HOT AND KIDS SHOULD STAY THREE FEET AWAY.
- MAKE SURE KIDS STAY AWAY FROM HOT FOOD AND LIQUIDS. THE STEAM OR SPLASH FROM VEGETABLES, GRAVY OR COFFEE COULD CAUSE SERIOUS BURNS.
- KEEP KNIVES OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.
- BE SURE ELECTRIC CORDS FROM AN ELECTRIC KNIFE, COFFEE MAKER, PLATE WARMER OR MIXER ARE NOT DANGLING OFF THE COUNTER WITHIN EASY REACH OF A CHILD.
- KEEP MATCHES AND UTILITY LIGHTERS OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN – UP HIGH IN A LOCKED CABINET.
- NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN ALONE IN ROOM WITH A LIT CANDLE.
- MAKE SURE YOUR SMOKE ALARMS ARE WORKING. TEST THEM BY PUSHING THE TEST BUTTON.



THANKSGIVING FIRE FACTS



- THANKSGIVING IS THE PEAK DAY FOR HOME COOKING FIRES WITH MORE THAN THREE TIMES THE DAILY AVERAGE FOR SUCH INCIDENTS. CHRISTMAS DAY AND CHRISTMAS EVE RANKED SECOND AND THIRD, WITH BOTH HAVING NEARLY TWICE THE DAILY AVERAGE.
- COOKING CAUSES HALF (53%) OF ALL REPORTED HOME FIRES AND NEARLY TWO OF EVERY FIVE (38%) HOME FIRE INJURIES, AND IT IS A LEADING CAUSE OF HOME FIRE DEATHS (18%).
- ON THANKSGIVING DAY ALONE, AN ESTIMATED 1,160 HOME COOKING FIRES WERE REPORTED TO U.S FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN 2021, REFLECTING A 297 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE DAILY AVERAGE.

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