Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 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 the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- 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.

Did you know?

Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.

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Cooking Fire Safety

With an average of 445 daily fires, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries according to NFPA's Home Fires Involving Cooking Equipment Report & NFIRS data.

Did you know...

U.S. fire departments respond to an average of **162,400** home fires per year involving cooking equipment.

Thanksgiving is the leading day for home fires involving cooking equipment, with 3 times the average number!

2/3 of American households cook at least one hot meal per day.

Contributing Factors

Ranges or cook-tops account for almost **3 of every 5** reported home fires involving cooking equipment.

Ovens account for 13%.

Unattended cooking is a contributing factor in 34% of home fires related to cooking equipment, 46% of the associated deaths and 46% of the associated injuries.

Something that could catch fire was **too close** to the equipment in 10% of cooking fires and 22% of deaths.

Trends among those injured or killed

54% of civilians injured in home fires involving cooking equipment were hurt while attempting to fight the fire themselves.

Adults aged **75 or over** faced a higher risk of cooking fire death than other age groups.

Children under 5 were more likely to be hurt by touching hot cooking equipment or scalded by hot liquids than by actual fire.

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Learn how to reduce the risk of a cooking fire in your home by visiting www.nfpa.org/cooking