

THANKSGIVING SAFETY TIPS...

Thanksgiving signifies the beginning of the Holiday Season and many of us will be spending more time in the kitchen preparing for the Holidays.

Thanksgiving Day is the leading day for home cooking fires, with three times as many occurring on Thanksgiving as any other day of the year.

Let's learn and share some facts about cooking fire safety:

Be careful wearing loose clothing around open flames on the stove

Use a timer and use "post it's" to remind yourself of cooking times in the oven

Be careful using candles at the dinner table (especially if toddlers are present)

Use oven and mitts when handling hot pots and pans

Do not cool hot pans with water if grease is in them

Have a fire extinguisher near-by and know how to use it.

Stay alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stove top.

Is that smoke detector properly working?

If you have a cooking fire...

- 1. Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- 2. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.
- 3. If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear path out of the home, and that someone has called the fire department.
- 4. Keep a lid nearby when cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stove top. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- 5. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

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