

FPW Special Event – 2020 Fire Safety Tips

- 1. Serve up fire safety in the kitchen.**
2. Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
3. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.
4. Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.
- 5. Cook with caution. Be on alert while cooking.**
6. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, do not use the stove or stovetop.
7. Never leave the kitchen when you are frying, broiling, or grilling food.
8. If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly.
9. Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
10. Make sure that you can hear the timer wherever you will be in the house.
11. Remain in the home while food is cooking.
12. If you do have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- 13. Prepare your kitchen and your home to cook safely.**
14. Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.
15. Make sure you have a working smoke and heat alarm in the kitchen to alert your family.
16. Use interconnected smoke alarms throughout the house so that everyone knows to leave.
17. Have a home evacuation plan ready and practice it twice a year.
18. If you decide to get a kitchen fire extinguisher, purchase the right kind and size.
19. A Class ABC dry chemical extinguisher can be used on most small kitchen fires.
20. Buy an extinguisher that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not too big to handle.
21. Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher, before you need it.
22. Keep the extinguisher where you can reach it if the stove catches fire.
23. Check the extinguisher every time you replace the smoke alarm batteries.
24. For dry-chemical extinguishers, turn them upside down and hit the bottom smartly to keep the chemical from clumping.
- 25. Know how to fight a small fire and know when it's too big to fight.**
26. Never throw water on a grease or oil fire. It just spreads the fire.
27. For stovetop fires, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan.
28. After you have covered a burning pan, turn off the burner.
29. Leave the burning pan covered until it is completely cooled.
30. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.
31. If you decide to use your kitchen fire extinguisher, aim at the bottom of the fire and sweep from side to side.
- 32. If you doubt you can put it out, do not delay and just get out!**
33. If the fire has spread beyond the stove, get out and call for help when you are safe.
34. When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
35. Call 911 or your local emergency number from your designated meeting place outside your house.
36. For more helpful information, visit the Fire Prevention Week website at www.fpw.org.