

FPW Special Event – 2023 Fire Safety Tips

- 1. Cooking safety starts with you. Pay attention to fire prevention.**
2. Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
3. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths.
4. The good news is you can prevent most cooking fires and burns. Here's how.
- 5. Keep your stove fire-safe.**
6. Watch what you heat! Keep an eye on food while it is cooking.
7. Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove.
8. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
9. Have a "kid-free zone" at least 3 feet, or 1 meter, around the stove.
10. Prevent scalding hazards. Also have a kid-free zone around other areas where hot food or drink is being prepared or carried.
11. Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.
- 12. Cook with caution.**
13. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
14. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
15. If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly.
16. Remain in the home while food is cooking.
17. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
18. Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
19. Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- 20. Prepare in case you must put out a small cooking fire.**
21. Always keep a pot lid nearby when cooking.
22. On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner.
23. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
24. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.
25. Keep a dry-chemical ABC-type fire extinguisher in the kitchen where you can reach it.
26. Check and maintain the fire extinguisher regularly, according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- 27. If you have any doubt, just get out!**
28. If you're not sure you can put the fire out yourself, leave the house.
29. When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
30. Close, but do not lock, doors if you need to leave the house because of a fire.
31. Call 911 or your local emergency number from outside the house.
32. Have an escape plan and practice it twice a year.
33. Evacuate other family members and pets if you must escape from a fire.
34. Plan to help any disabled occupants escape.
- 35. For more helpful information, visit the Fire Prevention Week website at www.fpw.org. Also see www.nfpa.org and your local fire and police departments.**