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How do I prevent a cooking fire?

- ❖ Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- ❖ Keep anything that burns — cooking utensils, dishcloths, paper towels and pot holders — a safe distance from the stove.
- ❖ Kids love to help but ensure long hair is tied back and they wear tight sleeves or roll them up when cooking. Loose-fitting clothes can come into contact with stove burners and catch fire.
- ❖ Don't let kids lean on the stove or reach across it — if they aren't tall enough to stand over the burners, use a proper step stool and do not leave them unsupervised

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire

Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

What Should I do in the Event of a Fire?

- ❖ Keep a fire extinguisher handy and know how to use it (PASS – Pull the pin/Aim at the base of the fire/Squeeze the handle/Sweep back and forth at the base of the fire)
- ❖ If you don't have an extinguisher, have a large box of salt or baking soda nearby – this can be used to smother flames
- ❖ Never throw water on a grease fire or burning oil. This will spread the fire – try to smother it or get out of the house and call 9-1-1
- ❖ Ensure you have a proper smoke alarm nearby and remember to replace the battery every time we “spring forward” to Daylight Savings Time



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What's the Risk?

- ❖ Cooking fires account for 22% of all home fires
- ❖ Cooking left unattended is the cause of 52% of all cooking fires
- ❖ Stovetop fires account for 71% of all cooking fires
- ❖ The average dollar loss per cooking fire is over \$27,000

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