Cooking Safety Tips

Did you know cooking is a leading cause of house fires and fire injuries? No matter what type of stove you use, prioritizing safety is essential, both while cooking and when the stove is not in use.

Keep Stovetops Clean and Clear

- Do not store items on the cooking surfaces.
- Do not leave anything on the stovetop when unattended and not in use.
- Do not place flammable materials such as potholders on or near the stovetop.
- Keep your stovetop clean of grease.

Avoid Fires While Cooking

- Keep an eye on your cooking and stay in the kitchen.
- Wear proper apparel—loose-fitting or hanging garments should NOT be worn while using the stove.
- Keep curtains, towels and potholders away from hot surfaces.
- Turn OFF all controls when done cooking.
- Children should not be left alone or unattended in an area with a stove. When they are old enough, teach children how to cook safely.
- Do not store gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of the stove or any other appliance. Do not keep gasoline in the house.
- Do not use water on grease fires—smother fire or flame or use dry chemical or foam-type extinguisher.
- Keep a certified fire extinguisher in the kitchen and know how to use it.
- Always have working smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every floor of the home.
- Develop a fire evacuation plan that outlines how to safely exit your home in the event of fire.

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