



THANKSGIVING SAFETY

from the State Fire Marshal



The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.



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THANKSGIVING FIRE FACTS

- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, with more than three times the daily average for such incidents. Christmas Day and Christmas Eve are ranked second and third, with both having nearly twice the daily average.
- Unattended cooking was the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire-related fatalities.
- Cooking causes 49% of all reported home fires and 42% home fire injuries. It is also the second leading cause of home fire deaths.



If a cooking fire occurs:

- *Get out immediately and close the door behind you to help contain the fire.*
- *Call 9-1-1*
- *Keep a lid nearby to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stove. Leave the pan covered until completely cooled.*
- *For an oven fire, turn off the oven and keep the door closed.*

DEEP FRYING TURKEY SAFETY

Preparation is key

Make sure your bird is completely thawed and dry. Extra water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over. If oil spills from the fryer onto the burner, it can cause a fire. Make sure to slowly lower the turkey into the pot to prevent oil from splashing.

Stay away from the house

Make sure to use the fryer outdoors. Set up the turkey fryer more than 10 feet away from your home and keep children and pets away. Never walk away while cooking your bird. Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in cooking-related fires and death.

Handle with care

Use caution when touching the turkey fryer as the lid and handle can become very hot and could cause burns. Also, be sure to keep track of the oil's temperature, as many fryers do not have their own thermostats .

Be prepared

Have a multipurpose, dry-powdered fire extinguisher ready always, in case the oil ignites. Oil and water don't mix. NEVER use water to cool down oil or extinguish a grease fire.

IN CASE OF FIRE, CALL 911

