

COOKING SAFETY

Unattended cooking is one of the leading causes of residential fires, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in property loss and numerous injuries each year. Here are some tips to help avoid fire and burns:

- Never leave food cooking unattended
- Use a fire extinguisher, baking soda, or a tight fitting lid to extinguish a fire
- NEVER use flour or water to extinguish a fire. Flour is combustible and water can spread the fire
- NEVER attempt to carry a burning pan out of the kitchen area: severe burns could result and the fire could spread
- Keep pan handles turned inwards so they aren't accidentally bumped or grabbed by children
- Keep your stove clean
- If there is a fire in the oven, turn off the oven and allow the fire to die down before opening the oven door
- If there is a fire in the microwave, keep the door closed and unplug the unit.
- Don't try to remove burning containers from a microwave