

Cooking Safety

With an average of 455 daily fires, cooking is the leading national cause of home fires and related injuries.

By the Numbers



Annually, U.S. fire departments respond to an average of **166,100** home fires involving cooking appliances



Cook-tops or ranges account for almost **3 out of every 5** reported home cooking fires



In 2018, in SC, at least **14%** of home fire deaths were caused by cooking fires



Adults **65 and over** have a higher risk of cooking fire death



Children **under 5** are more likely to be injured by touching hot appliances or scalded by hot liquids



55% of individuals injured in home cooking fires were hurt trying to fight the fire

Safety Tips

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking
- Do not use kitchen appliances if you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol
- Never throw water on a grease fire
- Follow the **3 FEET RULE**
- Keep the oven door closed and turn off the heat in case of an oven fire
- Get out if you doubt your ability to contain any size kitchen fire

3 FEET RULE

Keep children, pets, and anything that could burn at least 3 feet away from any heat source.

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