

Fire Prevention

Did you know that more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home?

- Never leave cooking unattended. Unattended cooking was a factor in 34% of reported home fires.
- Teach your children to stay away from the stove/oven while you are cooking. Children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire.
- When cooking, wear clothing that is tight-fitting or has short sleeves. Loose fitting clothing could ignite. Clothing was the item first ignited in less than 1% of home cooking fires, but these incidents accounted for 16% of the cooking fire deaths.

Remember to teach your children E.D.I.T.H. – Exit Drills in the Home.

- Work with your family to create a fire escape plan by drawing a map of your home; include children in the planning, marking two ways out of each room (usually a door and a window).
- Make sure all doors and windows in your escape plan open easily and are not blocked by furniture or other items.
- Choose a meeting place outside in front of the home where everyone will meet upon exiting.
- Include a local emergency phone number everyone knows so that the fire department can be contacted immediately.
- Make sure your home has properly installed, working smoke alarms (one on every level of the home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom).
- Make sure your children know what the smoke alarms sound like. Practice, practice, practice! Home fire drills should be held regularly, at least twice a year.