



HYANNIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

SAFETY LETTER

Cooking Fire Safety



Fast Facts

- Cooking fires are the **#1** cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
- Home fires are more likely to start in the kitchen than any other room in your home.
- Unattended cooking causes nearly **90%** of all kitchen fires.
- Every 2 ½ hours someone is killed in a home fire.
- Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.

Preparedness Tips

- Never leave cooking food unattended.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Clean cooking surfaces on a regular basis to prevent grease buildup.
- Consider purchasing a fire extinguisher to keep in your kitchen.
- Always check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving the home to make sure all stoves, ovens, and small appliances are turned off.