



Thanksgiving Safety Tips

The kitchen is where Thanksgiving magic happens. Unfortunately, it is also where most fires start. Follow these safety tips to keep your family and home safe this Thanksgiving.

- Keep an eye on your stovetop while cooking. If you must step away, ask someone to keep watch until you return.
- Do not leave your apartment or home when cooking your Thanksgiving turkey. Check on it frequently.
- Keep kids away from the stove. It is too easy for them to get burned, turn over boiling water, or touch an open flame.
- Do not place paper plates, napkins, dish towels, or plastics on the stovetop, even if the stove is off.
- Secure electric cords from electric knives, coffee makers, plate warmers, mixers, blenders, etc., so that they are not dangling off the counters and within easy reach of children.
- Keep the floors clear of toys, bags, kids, especially in the kitchen and main walking paths from the kitchen to the dining room or other serving areas.
- Make sure knives and breakables are kept out of the reach of children.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of kids, in a locked cabinet.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did You Know...?

Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment?

- In 2014, nearly four times as many home cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving as on a typical day.
- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.
- Cooking equipment was involved in almost half (48%) of all reported home fires.

Source: NFPA's Fire Analysis & Research Division



Keep Kids Involved but Safe

Kids will want to get involved in the holiday preparations. Keep them safe by having them help prepare recipes that can be done outside of the kitchen. Have plenty of games, puzzles or books to keep them busy.