



HOME FIRE SAFETY

Cooking Safety: Stand by Your Pan

Did you know that cooking is the number one cause of home fires in Ontario? Many of these fires start because pots and pans are left unattended on the stove. So next time you cook, your fire department encourages you to **STAND BY YOUR PAN**.

If you must leave the kitchen when you're cooking, turn off the stove and remove the pot from the burner especially if you are using oil or high temperatures.

A cooking fire can start in a flash, so keep an eye on your fries and **STAND BY YOUR PAN!**

Keep electrical hazards in check!

The improper use of extension cords can cause shocks, fires and other electrical hazards. Your fire department asks that you check your extension cords to make sure they are not frayed or damaged, and that the prongs are not loose. Keep your extension cords away from heat or water and avoid running them under carpets or heavy furniture.

Matches and Lighters: Where does a three-year-old find a lighter?

Every year in Ontario, young children are injured or die in fires that they start themselves. So where does a three year old find a lighter? Probably on the kitchen table.

Matches and lighters can be lethal weapons in the hands of children. Young children are naturally curious about fire, so adults must keep all fire-starting materials out of their sight and reach. If you smoke, have only one lighter or matchbook and keep it with you at all times.

Play it Safe in the Kitchen

Did you know that cooking is the number one cause of home fires? Most kitchen fires occur because people get distracted and leave their cooking unattended on the stove.

Your fire department asks you to keep a close eye on your cooking. If a pot catches fire, slide a lid over the pot to smother the flames, then turn off the stove. And always wear tight-fitting or rolled-up sleeves when cooking. A dangling sleeve can easily brush against a hot burner and catch fire.

Silent but Deadly

There may be an intruder lurking in your home from which no burglar alarm can protect you. Carbon monoxide is invisible and odourless and it can kill you in no time. Your fire department urges you to have your chimney, furnace and gas-fired appliances checked annually by professional technicians. And remember, only a carbon monoxide detector can alert you to the presence of this deadly gas. Install one today!