



Thanksgiving Safety

*Metro Fire is thankful for you—our neighbor!
Wishing you and your family a safe holiday!*

Food safety is important!

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries, and Thanksgiving has more cooking fires than any other day of the year.

- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires.
- Ranges (or cooktops) account for 3 out of every 5 home cooking fires.



So keep in mind...

- Never leave food unattended and always cook with a lid beside you.
- If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use your stove.
- Stay in the kitchen when you're cooking on the stovetop and use a timer to remind you.
- Keep kids away from the stove, hot foods, and hot liquids. The steam or splash from veggies, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Children will pull on cords dangling off counters. Make sure appliance cords are out of reach.
- Never put a frozen turkey into a deep fryer. It will start a fire.
- Ensure smoke alarms are working—test them before you cook!

Here's what to do if you have a fire:

For oven fires:

- Turn off the heat and keep the door closed.
- Get everyone out of the home and call 9-1-1 from outside.

For small grease fires:

Never throw water on a grease fire!

- Slide the lid over the pan to smother the fire and turn off the burner.
- Leave the lid on and let the pan cool so the fire does not start again.
- If the fire does not go out, or you don't feel comfortable sliding a lid over the pan, get everyone out of the home and call 9-1-1 from outside.

For any other type of fire:

Just get out! And when you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.

- Over half the people hurt in home cooking fires were injured while trying to put out the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 after you leave.

