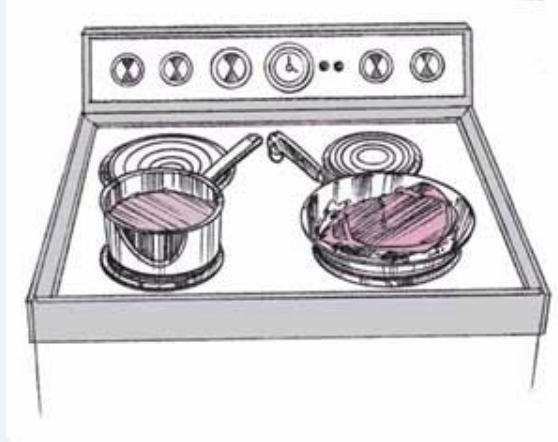


Fire Safety in the Kitchen

The kitchen is one of the more dangerous rooms in the house. Open flames, sharp knives, hot pots, and scalding liquids can cause serious injuries. Look at your kitchen from the perspective of an accident waiting to happen. Are papers stacked too close to the range or stovetop? Are knives easily accessible to children? Here are some suggestions to consider in relation to preventing burns and/or a fire:

Keep the handles of pots and frying pans turned inward on the kitchen range so that they cannot be knocked over by accident.



Keep handles of pots and pans turned inward on the kitchen range.

- Never leave cooking unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, turn the burners off.
- Keep the stovetop and surrounding area free of anything flammable such as pot holders, napkins, and towels.
- To prevent grease fires, heat oil slowly. The quickest way for grease to catch fire is for it to be heated too quickly.

Keep a multi-purpose ABC-rated or BC-rated fire extinguisher or baking soda on hand for extinguishing kitchen fires.

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How to React to a Fire

Try as we might to prevent them, fires can happen in a flash. When they do break out, you need to know how to react. Here are several suggestions:

- If you smell smoke or your smoke detectors sound, get your family out immediately. Call the fire department (Dial 911) from a neighbor's house.
- Never re-enter a burning house for any reason. Leave firefighting to the professional firefighters.
- Never use water on electric, oil, or grease fires. Turn off the heat immediately, and use a lid or a large piece of metal bake ware to smother the flames.



Turn off the heat and cover a pan that's on fire.

- If you can't shut off the gas before fighting a gas fire, get out of the house immediately.
- Even if a fire is confined to a frying pan or wastebasket, never spend more than 30 seconds fighting the fire. Small fires can grow with frightening speed.
- If someone's clothes are on fire, Stop, Drop and Roll, covering your face with your hands, or use a heavy blanket to smother the fire.



If someone's clothes are on fire you can smother the fire with a blanket.

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