

Fifty-two Percent of Fires in Hospitals are due to Cooking Fires

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that cooking fires remain the top fire threat in hospitals. Every year in hospitals and hospices, there are 1,600 fires that result in an average of one death and 29 civilian injuries. Cooking operations are the source of 52% of these fires.

Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking. It is important to pay attention and to be alert when cooking. Also, make sure all toaster, toaster ovens, and microwaves are continuously cleaned.

Keep flammable/combustible materials away from the stove. Keep objects at a safe distance. Remove any unnecessary items from the vicinity of the stove.

NFPA also reports that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Most cooking equipment fires start with the ignition of common household items (e.g., food or grease, cabinets, wall coverings, paper or plastic bags, curtains, etc.).

With Holidays approaching, we all need to be especially cautious since this is the peak season for home cooking fires.

Happy Holidays!