



## Thanksgiving Safety Tips & Facts

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to get together with friends and family. It is a great day to give thanks and be grateful for all of our many blessings. It is also a busy time which means that kitchen safety is more important with all of the distractions and why we wanted to share some safety tips & facts to help keep you and your family safe during the Holiday.

### Facts:

- Thanksgiving is the nations #1 leading day of the year for cooking fires
- More than 4,000 fires occur on Thanksgiving Day per year
- These fires cause more than \$15 million in property damage every year
- Cooking fires are 3x more likely on Thanksgiving than any day of the year
- 87% of fires on Thanksgiving are caused by cooking
- Distractions are the main cause of cooking fires due to more cooking & more company

### Tips:

- Before cooking be sure to clean stoves & ovens
- Remove food & grease buildup from burners, stovetops, and ovens
- Set a timer & check on food frequently
- Keep children away from stove/candles/knives
- Do not leave the house while food is cooking
- Keep baking soda nearby to put out kitchen fires
- Check fire alarms & keep a fire extinguisher nearby

\*\*Never douse a grease fire with water, it can cause the fire to spread. Instead, turn off the burner, smother the fire with a lid or use baking soda/fire extinguisher if it gets out of hand.

