

COOKING, SMOKING, AND CANDLE SAFETY

Detroit Fire Department



Cooking



- Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires, and the second leading cause of home fire deaths.
- Unattended cooking is the biggest concern.

- Be alert!
- Stay in the kitchen.
- Check on food regularly.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.

Smoking



- Leading cause of home fire deaths.
- 25% of those killed from smoking fires are not smokers themselves.
- Fires can occur when e-cigarettes are being charged.

- Smoke outside.
- Never smoke where medical oxygen is used.
- Make sure smoking materials are completely out and/or doused with water.
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation.

Candles



- December is the peak month for candle fires in the home.
- More than 1/3 of candle fires start in the bedroom.
- Most candle fires start when a candle is placed too close to things that can burn.

- Blow out all candles before sleeping.
- Use sturdy candle holders.
- Candles need at least one foot around clear to be safe.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down.



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