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# Cooking Fires: Life-Saving Tips

*More than one-third of Nevada's Home Fires Ignite in the Kitchen*

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home.
- Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year.
- Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.
- Never leave cooking unattended. A serious fire can start in just seconds.
- Always wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Keep towels, potholders, and curtains away from flames and heating elements.
- Clean cooking surfaces regularly to prevent grease buildup, which can ignite.
- If a fire breaks out while cooking, put a lid on the pan to smother it. Never throw water on a grease fire.
- Heat oil gradually to avoid burns from spattering grease. Use extra caution when preparing deep-fried foods.
- Never use the range or oven to heat your home.
- Double-check the kitchen before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure all small appliances are turned off.

## Did you know?

- ▶ Eighty-two percent of all fire deaths occur in the home.
- ▶ Cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. It is also the leading cause of fire injuries.
- ▶ Deaths due to fires caused by cooking are particularly preventable.
- ▶ Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.