



FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR THE KITCHEN

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Make Your Place.....Fire Safe!

Put a lid on it.....Always keep a large lid near the stove when you are cooking. If a pot catches fire, slide the lid over the pot and turn off the stove. Never put water on a burning pot or try to move it to the sink.

Keep an eye on your frying.....Never leave cooking unattended - particularly if you are using oil or high temperatures. A stovetop fire can start in a flash, so keep a close eye on your cooking at all times.

Don't reach for danger.....Be sure to wear tight-fitting or ruffled up sleeves when using the stove. A dangling sleeve on a housecoat or sweater can easily brush against a hot burner and catch fire.

Fight or flight.....A fire extinguisher can be a useful safety item - if you know how to operate it. Use a multi-purpose, listed extinguisher that is right for your particular kitchen. Fire extinguishers must only be used on small, contained fires. Never allow the fire to get between you and your exit.

Clear the clutter.....Combustible items, such as wooden or plastic cooking utensils, dishcloths, paper towels and pot holders, can easily ignite if they are too close to a burner. Keep all combustible items a safe distance from your stove.

Cool a burn.....If you experience a kitchen burn, immediately run cool water over the wound for several minutes. The water will prevent further burning and relieve the pain. If the burn is severe, seek medical attention.

Prevent fire: use a fryer.....Deep fat frying is a major kitchen hazard. Oil heated in a pot on the stove can easily overheat and burst into flames. Fire departments recommend that you use only a thermostatically controlled deep fat fryer.

Snooze - you lose.....Many night time fires are caused by people attempting to cook while under the influence of alcohol. Don't let this happen in your home. Keep a close eye on drinkers and install a smoke alarm on every level of your home.

Test your smoke alarms.....It is the law in Ontario that all residences have working smoke alarms. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home, and outside sleeping areas. Test your smoke alarms every month and change the batteries at least once a year.

Need assistance.....please contact the *Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls Fire Rescue Services* at 807-226-5241 or 1-888-408-3812.