

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

FIRE PREVENTION

Since 1922, The NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire.

Did you know cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries?

Fire Prevention Week™ is Oct. 4-10.
Learn more at fpw.org.



— SERVE UP —
Fire Safety
— IN THE KITCHEN! —



Consider these items when planning a home fire escape:

- » Draw a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows.
- » Make sure someone will help children, older adults, and people with disabilities.
- » Ensure smoke alarms are properly installed and maintained.
- » Practice using alternate routes and closing doors behind you as you leave.
- » Never go back for people, pets, or things.
- » Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone.

How to avoid home and injuries from cooking:

- » Stay focused on the food.
- » Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
- » If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
- » Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking or carry around a wooden spoon as a reminder.
- » Clear away clutter and give cooking appliances space to lessen the chance of a kitchen fire.
- » Never discharge a portable fire extinguisher into a grease fire because it will spread the fire.
- » Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- » Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges.

Can you spot the fire hazards?



Here are some tips to stay safe during the upcoming winter months:

- » Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- » Have a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- » Have a qualified professional install heating equipment.
- » Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected at least once a year.

Have you tested your smoke detector lately?



For more information please visit: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week>



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