



CPSC Safety Alert

Avoid Kitchen Fires: Keep Stovetops Clean and Clear



Kitchens are the heart of the home, but did you know that cooking is the most frequent cause of house fires and fire injuries? Whether your stovetop is electric or gas, it is essential to keep safety on the front burner not only while cooking, but at all times.

Keep Stovetops Clean and Clear

- Don't leave anything on top of a stovetop you are not using, particularly flammable materials such as potholders.
- Keep your oven and stovetop clean of grease and dust.
- Double check that everything is OFF when finished cooking.

Prevent Fires while Cooking

- Keep an eye on your cooking and stay in the kitchen.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves. Loose clothing can catch fire.
- Watch children closely. When they're old enough, teach children to cook safely.

- Keep curtains, towels and potholders away from hot surfaces and store solvents and flammable cleaners away from heat sources. Never keep gasoline in the house.
- Keep a certified fire extinguisher in the kitchen and know how to use it.
- Always have working smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every floor of the home.

Prevent Accidental Activation

- Small children or pets? Use safety locks or covers for knobs on cooktops to prevent them from being turned on accidentally.
- Keep children and pets away from cooktops that have front mounted control knobs.
- Be careful when leaning over front mounted control knobs so that you don't accidentally bump them and turn the cooktop on.
- Have any front mounted control for electric or gas cooktops replaced if it starts to get too easy to turn on.
- Consumers who have experienced or have concerns about accidental activation of the front mounted control knobs on their cooktop should immediately contact the manufacturer of the range to ask if there is a solution or remedy available from the manufacturer.

Check if your stovetop, range or oven has been recalled at www.cpsc.gov/recalls.

Report a dangerous product or a product-related injury on www.SaferProducts.gov.

