



LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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Thanksgiving Safety

Thanksgiving Day

Is the leading day for home fires involving cooking equipment, with three times the average number of fires.

Thanksgiving Day Facts:

- In 2013, Thanksgiving Day (November 28) was the leading date for home cooking fires with 1,550 which was 230% above the average number of fires per day.
- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.
- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.

- Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home fires and associated civilian injuries and was the third leading cause of home fire deaths.

Local Statistics

Last Thanksgiving, VFD responded to 3 fire alarm activations, good intent call along with the rest of their call volume for that day.



Safety Tips

Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.

Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently. Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Always Remember

Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.

Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.

Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.

National Fire Protection Association

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/wildfire-and-seasonal-fires/thanksgiving-safety>

Fire Safety Word Search

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Fire Safety Quiz

Never put a frozen turkey in a turkey fryer full of hot grease.

- A. True
- B. False

Turkey fryers have the potential to cause _____ and serious injuries.

- A. Accidents
- B. Wrecks
- C. Fires
- D. Heart attacks



Freddie D. Broome, Fire Chief

We Hope the Citizens of Valdosta Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season

Did you know that organizations like Underwriters Laboratories and the National Fire Protection Association advise against using turkey fryers?

Did you know that there are oil-less fryers.? Opt for an oil-less fryer. They use infrared heat, rather than oil, to cook your turkey. It is a much safer option than the deep fryer.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer, please contact Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email valdostafire@valdostacity.org