



LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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Cooking Safety

Facts:

Based on 2006-2010 annual averages:

Unattended cooking was the leading cause in home fires in the U.S.

Ranges accounted for 58% while ovens accounted for 16% of home cooking fire incidents.

Frying poses the greatest fire risk.

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires.

Local Statistics

In 2015, there were 290 fire related incidents of which 32 were related to cooking fires.

25% of the cooking fires occurred on Wednesdays

and only 19% occurred on Sundays.

Safety Tips

1. Be on alert!
2. Stay in the kitchen while frying, grilling, or broiling food.
3. Check food regularly.
4. Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.



5. Keep anything that can catch fire away from stove top surfaces.

6. For a pan fire, slide a lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

7. For an oven fire, turn off the oven and keep the door closed.

Always Remember

- ◆ Never cook if you are sleepy or intoxicated.
- ◆ If you have to leave the kitchen even for a short period of time, always turn off the stove.
- ◆ Keep a 3 feet "kid free zone" around the stove or areas where hot food or drinks are being prepared or carried.
- ◆ If a fire occurs, get out and stay out then call 911 from a safe distance.

National Fire Protection Association

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/resources/safety-tip-sheets/cooking/>

FEMA

<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/cooking.html>

Fire Safety Word Search

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 DHSPTYVCGVCOOKINGVGVV
 HBDCHMICROWAVEDCJBHHI
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Fire Safety Quiz

Smoke alarms should be installed

- A- On first floor only
- B- Above the stove
- C- One every level of the home
- D- in all bathrooms

Cooking fires should be extinguished with

- A- A lid
- B- An extinguisher
- C- Baking soda
- D- All of the above

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Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may only have two minutes to escape? Do you have a home fire escape plan? Do you conduct regular home fire drills. For more information regarding fire safety, please contact Tangela Rowe at 229.333.1835 .

Fire extinguishers are designed to put out small fires. Every home should have at least one fire extinguisher centrally located so that everyone in the home has access to it at any time.

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



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