



### COOKING IS THE #1 CAUSE OF HOME FIRES

#### WHAT'S THE RISK?

Cooking fires account for **22%** of all home fires.

Cooking **left unattended** is the cause of **52%** of all cooking fires.

Stovetop fires account for 71% of all cooking fires.

The average dollar loss per cooking fire is over **\$27,000**.

## Cooking is the #2 cause of fatal fires in the home.

Statistics for Ontario between 2010-2014. Provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management

# How do I prevent a cooking fire?

- Always stay in the kitchen while cooking.
  If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that burns cooking utensils, dishcloths, paper towels and pot holders — a safe distance from the stove.
- Loose-fitting clothes can come into contact with stove burners and catch fire. Wear tight sleeves or roll them up when cooking.

### **FIRE INJURIES and DEATHS**

- 32% of all home fire injuries occur in cooking fires.
- 14% of all cooking fires result in an injury or death.
- 11% of all home fire fatalities are caused by cooking

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