



# 2 IN EVERY 5

## Home Fires Start In The Kitchen

**Thanksgiving is the leading day each year for home cooking fires - Carve out some time this holiday season to practice kitchen safety and keep your family safe.**

### COOKING SAFELY

- 🔥 Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling. If you are simmering, baking or roasting, remain at home and check the food often. Set a timer as a reminder if necessary.
- 🔥 Dull knives require more pressure and increases the potential for injury. Use a sharp knife and keep your cutting board secure by using a non-skid pad.
- 🔥 Before cooking your turkey, ensure it is completely thawed using cold water, a refrigerator or in a microwave oven.
- 🔥 Always keep a lid nearby to smother small grease fires and keep anything that can catch fire away from the stovetop.

### CHILD PRECAUTIONS

- 🔥 Children should remain at least 3 feet away from the stove. Direct contact with hot burners, the steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- 🔥 Be sure electrical cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or other accessories are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- 🔥 Keep knives, matches and lighters out of children's reach by placing them on high shelves or locking them in cabinets.

### SAFETY TIPS

- 🔥 Make sure the floor is clear of all tripping hazards such as kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- 🔥 Check that your smoke detectors are working properly before company arrives by pushing the test button.
- 🔥 Sign up for Smart911 to provide important information to 9-1-1 call takers and first responders in case of an emergency.

