

Safety Tips

Kitchen Fires

- Make sure the pilot light(s) always works.
- Clean up accumulated grease.
- Regularly clean or replace vent screens.
- Don't smoke in the kitchen.
- Know the location, type and purpose of your fire extinguisher.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing that can get caught in flames or appliances.
- Use an approved fire extinguisher or baking soda to put out small flames. When frying or heating oil, make sure the pot or pan has a lid that the lid is handy. Cover a burning pan with a lid. If anyone's clothing catches fire, the rule is to stop, drop and roll.
- Keep the handles of pots and pans pointed toward the back of the stovetop.
- When using a gas stove, turn off the flame before stirring, turning or flipping food. Turn it back on when you're finished. If the stove is electric, warn children that it will stay hot, even after it has been turned off.
- Don't let anyone but adults put things in an oven or take them out.
- Never leave a child alone when cooking or when an electrical appliance is within reach.
- Talk to children about precautions in simple, clear terms. Young children need frequent reminders.
- Never leave appliance cords hanging from counter tops.
- Remember the acronym "PASS:" **P**--Pull the pin, **A**--Aim extinguisher nozzle at the base of the flames, **S**--Squeeze trigger while holding the extinguisher upright, **S**--Sweep the extinguisher from side to side, covering the area of the fire with the extinguishing agent.