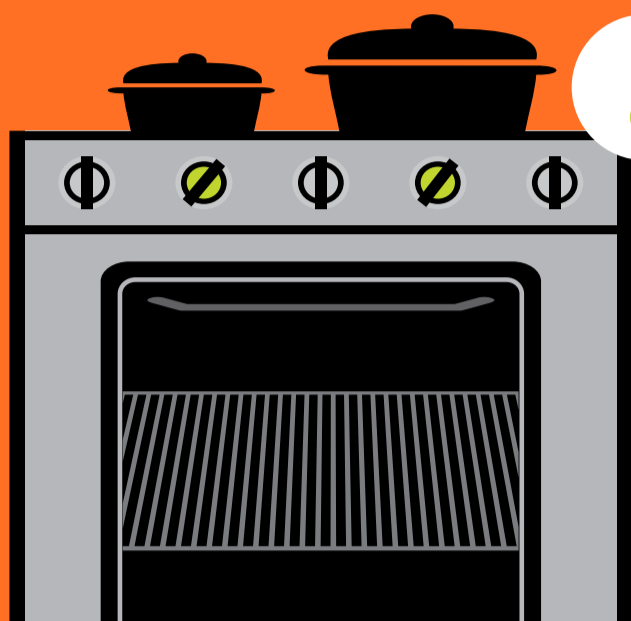


# Prevent Kitchen Fires

Keep these safety tips in mind to minimize your risk and protect yourself and your family in and around the kitchen.



## Never leave a hot range top unattended.

If you're called away from the kitchen for any reason, turn it off until you return.



**Use a timer** so you'll remember that the stove or range is on, and be sure to turn it off as soon as you're finished cooking.



**Never place anything flammable on or directly near your range.** Items such as wooden utensils, oven mitts, and food packaging can quickly ignite starting a kitchen fire.



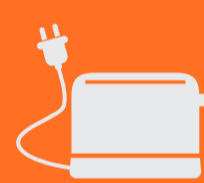
**Clean your cooking surfaces often** being sure to remove crumbs, grease, and other food debris.



**Plug all appliances directly into electrical outlets.** Don't use extension cords.



**Inspect all appliance power cords** prior to use. Replace them if they become frayed.



**Be sure to unplug small appliances**, including mixers and toasters, when not in use.



Always check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving home to **ensure your stove and range are turned off.**



**Learn how to use a fire extinguisher.** Keep one in your kitchen and check it often to ensure it's charged.

**Never douse a grease fire with water, as this will only spread the flames.** Instead, cover any burning pans with a lid, turn off the burner, and let it cool until the fire burns out. Or, use baking soda or a chemical fire extinguisher to put out the flames.



**Install smoke detectors near your kitchen** – as well as near bedrooms and bathrooms on every floor – and be sure to test them each month. Replace all batteries at least once a year.

