



Holiday Kitchen Safety

- ♦ Clean stove surfaces, ovens, and other appliances after every use, and especially after a spill.
- ♦ Dress safely around stoves - tight-fitting sleeves, long hair pinned up, and no hair spray.
- ♦ When cooking is complete, turn off stoves and appliances promptly.
- ♦ Unplug when not in use.
- ♦ Do not overload circuits.
- ♦ Do not leave dish towels and pot holders on a cooking surface.
- ♦ Curtains should be 3 feet from cooking surfaces and appliances.
- ♦ Turn handles away from the edge of the cooking surface to prevent spills or a child grabbing them.
- ♦ In microwaves, use only approved cooking containers.
- ♦ Keep a working fire extinguisher in the kitchen for grease fires.
- ♦ Never throw water on a cooking fire!
- ♦ Should a pan catch fire:
 - Use an oven mitt to carefully put a lid over the pan
 - Turn off the burner
 - Allow the pan to cool completely before removing the lid or moving the pan
- ♦ Oven fire:
 - Close the oven door, and leave it closed
 - Turn off the oven if it is safe to reach the on/off switch/knob
 - If the fire does not go out immediately, call the Fire Department
- ♦ Never leave cooking or baking items unattended!



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