

# MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 6-12, 2013**   
**PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES**  
GO TO **FPW.ORG** AND **GET COOKIN' WITH FIRE SAFETY!**



## Home Fires

In 2011, U.S. Fire Departments responded to 370,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,910 civilian injuries, 2,520 civilian deaths, \$6.9 billion in direct damage.

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, followed by heating equipment. Smoking is a leading cause of civilian **home fire deaths**.

Most fatal fires kill one or two people. In 2011, 12 home fires killed five or more people resulting in a total of 67 deaths.

## Cooking

U.S. Fire Departments responded to an estimated annual average of 156,600 cooking-related fires between 2007-2011, resulting in 400 civilian deaths, 5,080 civilian injuries and \$853 million in direct damage.

Ranges accounted for the 58% of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16%.

Children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire.

Microwave ovens are one of the leading home products associated with scald burn injuries not related to fires. Nearly half (44%) of the microwave oven injuries seen at emergency rooms in 2011 were scald burns.



Unattended cooking was a factor in 34% of reported home cooking fires.

Two-thirds of home cooking fires started with ignition of food or other cooking materials.

Clothing was the item first ignited in less than 1% of home cooking fires, but these incidents accounted for 16% of the cooking fire deaths.

**For more information about home fires, and tips on fire prevention practices, follow the link below.**

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