

Fire Prevention Safety Tips:

Please take a few minutes to review the following important kitchen and life safety tips from the Rocky River Fire Department. Please stay safe, look out for each other, and have a wonderful fall.

Cooking Safety

- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.
 - Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking
 - If you must leave, turn off the burner
 - When simmering on the stove or baking in the oven, set a timer to remind you that you are cooking. It is very easy to get distracted
- Many home cooking fires happen on the stove.
 - Before turning on the heat, move dish and hand towels, bags, boxes, paper towels – anything that can burn, away from the stove
- Frying is the greatest risk for a home cooking fire.
 - Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking at high temperatures.
 - When oil gets too hot it can easily start a fire
 - Keep a pot lid or cookie sheet nearby when you are frying.
 - If the oil catches fire, use a pot lid or cookie sheet to cover the fire and turn off the heat until it cools
 - Never use water to extinguish an oil fire

Life Safety in the Home

- Ensure there are operational smoke alarms located;
 - In each room used for sleeping purposes
 - Outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms
 - On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics.
- Sleep with bedroom doors closed, especially in a two-story home where the bedrooms are located near an open stairwell. This can allow extra time for escape or rescue.
- Have a family escape plan with two ways out. Ensure everyone is aware of the plan and practice it at night. Be sure children can open their bedroom windows. If the window won't open make sure they know it's OK to breakout the glass.
- Have a designated meeting place outside of the home and do a head count. Once out, never go back inside. Especially if there are small children, they might follow you back in.
- Perform a home fire safety self-survey.

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