

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

"The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness."
- Dalai Lama



Thanksgiving is the leading day for cooking fires, accidents

Three times as many cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving than on an average day

Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King is calling upon all Georgians to exercise caution in the kitchen on Thanksgiving, which is recognized as the peak day for home cooking fires.

"I am immensely thankful for our firefighters and first responders," said Commissioner King. "However, we'd prefer if Georgians didn't have to call on these emergency officials this Thanksgiving, so please follow these simple fire safety tips as you prepare your family feast."

King suggested the following tips for cooking safety:

Never deep-fry a frozen turkey. Ice turns to steam when a frozen turkey is dropped into hot oil, and the rapidly expanding steam can cause the oil to boil over.

Turn pot handles inward to prevent an accident and ensure your children cannot grab them.

Always set a timer when cooking, so you won't forget to turn off the range top or oven; if a pan catches fire, cover it with a lid immediately and turn off the burner; don't fight a grease fire with water, as it may make the fire worse; and consider purchasing a fire extinguisher to keep in your kitchen.

Loose clothing can contact a burner and ignite. If this happens, remember "stop, drop and roll." Stop where you are, cover your face with your hands, and roll over to smother the flames; and never use a cooking stove to heat your home.

Install an adequate number of smoke alarms. Most fatal fires start between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., while the family is asleep. The advance warning of a smoke alarm may mean the difference between life and death.




Happy Thanksgiving

May you enjoy this celebration with your family full of laughter and peace.
Happy Thanksgiving greetings!

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HAVE A SAFE THANKSGIVING ~REMEMBER TURKEY!~



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T haw turkey at a safe temperature ~ 40°F or below	U se extra caution when frying a turkey and oil-free fryers if possible	R emember to clean all cooking surfaces regularly	K ee children away from hot foods and surfaces, and kitchen utensils	E nsure turkey is cooked and has reached minimum temperature of 165°F	Y our smoke detector should be tested prior to cooking

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Thanksgiving Safety



The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.

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