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FIRE



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: January 25, 2012

To: Chief Jim Gomulka
From: Inspector Dave Garland
Re: Recent Kitchen Fires

The Redford Township Fire department has responded to multiple stove fires recently. All of them have been credited to inattentiveness while cooking.

Our residents can help to minimize fires of this nature by constantly attending to the task at hand. Never walk away from a pan that is on the stove. Please make sure that there are no combustibles inside the oven prior to preheating it. (Some people use it for storage...**BAD IDEA**... or just to hide stuff in a hurry when unexpected company stops in.) Also be sure to keep the stove top clear. One recent fire started because a box was placed on the stove and it ignited from the heat coming from the oven.

Never attempt to extinguish a grease fire with water, baking powder, soda, flour, or anything else you may have heard of. If you have a grease fire on top of the stove, simply put a lid on the pot and remove from the heat if safe to do so. Please do not grab the pot or pan and try to take it outside or to the sink. This will splash burning grease all over you and your home.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZ-G4Fgvbyk>

Always dial 911! Do not try to fight an intensifying fire yourself. If it can be extinguished just by covering and removing it from the heat go for it, anything else, call 911!!!



- ▶ Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- ▶ Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- ▶ If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

More Kitchen safety tips from NFPA:

<http://www.nfpa.org/categoryList.asp?categoryID=282&URL=Research%20&%20Reports/Fact%20sheets/Safety%20in%20the%20home/Cooking%20safety&cookie%5Ftest=1>