

Cooking Fire Safety



With an average of 445 daily fires, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries according to NFPA's Home Fires Involving Cooking Equipment Report & NFIRS data.

Did you know...



U.S. fire departments respond to an average of **162,400** home fires per year involving cooking equipment.

Thanksgiving is the leading day for home fires involving cooking equipment, with 3 times the average number!



2/3 of American households cook at least one hot meal per day.



Contributing Factors

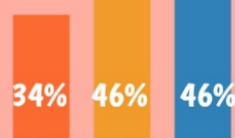
Ranges or cook-tops account for almost **3 of every 5** reported home fires involving cooking equipment.



Ovens account for 13%.

Unattended cooking

is a contributing factor in 34% of home fires related to cooking equipment, 46% of the associated deaths and 46% of the associated injuries.



Fires Deaths Injuries

Something that could catch fire was **too close** to the equipment in 10% of cooking fires and 22% of deaths.

Trends among those injured or killed



54% of civilians injured in home fires involving cooking equipment were hurt while attempting to fight the fire themselves.

Adults aged **75 or over** faced a higher risk of cooking fire death than other age groups.



Children under 5 were more likely to be hurt by touching hot cooking equipment or scalded by hot liquids than by actual fire.