

ECHO Script

Emergency and Community Health Outreach



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ECHO Show

"Fire Prevention in the Kitchen "

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-1- Exterior shot of a house on fire.

The most common place for house fires to start is in the kitchen.

[Word Count: 13]

-2- Cut to shot of interior kitchen fire.

That's because the kitchen is where people cook and use the stove. Each year nationwide kitchen fires injure thousands of people and cause billions of dollars of damage.

[Word Count: 28]

-3- Shots of person cooking on the stove, turning on burner, etc.

The good news is that proper use of the stove can prevent many kitchen fires.

The best rule is to watch the stove while you cook. The main cause of cooking fires is that people leave the kitchen. It is especially bad when cooking something on a burner or the broiler is turned on.

[Word Count: 54]

-4- Shot of person turning off burner and leaving the kitchen.

If you must leave the kitchen, turn off the heat until you return.

[Word Count: 13]

-5- Shot of curtains or potholder/towel catching on fire.

Another cause of fire is when things get too close to the stove. Don't let curtains, towels, pot holders or household cleaners get near the burners.

[Word Count: 26]

-6- Shot of person rolling up sleeve before reaching across stove.

Make sure your clothing doesn't touch a burner. Wear tight sleeves or short sleeves.

[Word Count: 14]

-7- Shot of person cleaning stove.

Keep the stove clean. Don't let grease build up, because it can catch on fire.

[Word Count: 15]

-8- Shots of person yawning, alcoholic beverage and prescription medicine with a big X over each thing.

You need to pay attention, so don't cook if you are sleepy. Don't cook if you have been drinking too much alcohol or if you're taking medicine that makes you drowsy.

[Word Count: 31]

-9- Shots of mother moving child away from stove. (Maybe doing three steps).

Cooking is dangerous for young children. Teach older children to cook safely.

Keep young children away from the stove. Have a three step rule: They must be at least three giant steps away from the stove.

[Word Count: 43]

-10- Shot of person placing pot on back burner with handles turned away

Small children like to grab things, so make sure they can't grab pots on the stove. Put the pots on the back burners and turn the handles away.

[Word Count: 28]

-11- Shot of person putting covers on accessible stove knobs – or shot of safety covers.

Put safety covers on any accessible stove knobs to keep toddlers and pets from turning on stove.

[Word Count: 17]

-12- Shots of person storing things in oven with a big X over it..

The oven is for cooking. Do not store things in it.

[Word Count: 11]

-13- Shots of person in front of open stove warming their feet/hands – with a big X over it.

Do not use the oven to heat up the room.

[Word Count: 10]

-14- Shot of person unplugging small appliance(s).

Small appliances can also cause fires. Unplug them if you are not using them. That includes toasters, rice cookers, coffee makers and crock-pots.

[Word Count: 23]

-15- Shot of a fire on a stove – preferably a grease/oil fire.

If you do have a cooking fire, you must know what to do. It is important to stay calm.

[Word Count: 19]

-16- Shot of person throwing water on a grease/oil fire. Then freeze frame with a big X on it.

Many people think that water puts out fires, but this will not work for oil or grease fires. Water makes it worse.

[Word Count: 52]

-17- Shot of person putting lid on grease/oil fire.

The best thing is to smother the fire: Put the lid on the pan and turn off the stove. Whenever you are cooking, have the lids for the pots nearby.

[Word Count: 30]

-18- Shot of a person attempting to grab handle of a pan on fire – with a big X over it.

If a pan has burning grease, do not lift it. If it spills it can burn you and spread the fire.

[Word Count: 21]

-19- Shot of person closing door on oven fire and turning off stove.

If there is a fire in the oven, keep the door closed and turn off the heat.

[Word Count: 17]

-20- Shot of fire in microwave with person unplugging it.

If there is a fire in the microwave, keep the door closed and unplug it.

[Word Count: 15]

-21- Shot of smoky fire with people running outside.

If a fire gets too big and causes a lot of smoke, get outside right away. Call the fire department after you get outside.

Smoke is poison. It can make you sick and it can kill you.

[Word Count: 37]

-22- Shot of smoke detector w/ natsound.

That is why you should always have a smoke detector.

[Word Count: 10]

-23- Shot of charcoal burner indoors with a big X over it.

It is also why you should never cook inside with anything that causes smoke – like charcoal, wood or propane.

[Word Count: 19]

-24- Shot of happy cook taking cooked food off the stove.

The best way to prevent kitchen fires is by being careful when you cook. Pay attention and do not leave the kitchen.

[Word Count: 22]

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