



Tasmania Fire Service

Home Fire Safety

FACT SHEET

Kitchen fire safety

Many house fires start in the kitchen and the majority of all kitchen fires begin from cooking that is left unattended on the stove.

- **Never** leave cooking unattended. **Turn it off before you turn away!**
- **Don't** let fats and oils build up around the stove, they can catch fire.
- Heat oil carefully and **do not overfill** pot or pan.
- **Never** use water, flour or salt to put out an oil or fat fire on the stove.
- **Use** a lid or fire blanket to smother a fire in a pot or pan.
- **Never** try to carry a burning pot or pan.
- **Keep** pot handles turned inwards.
- **Don't** hang objects over oven door handles eg. tea towels.
- **Store** flammable materials away from the stove.
- **Empty** the crumbs from your toaster regularly, and never position the toaster near curtains or blinds.
- **Wear** clothing with tight fitting sleeves when cooking.
- **Leave** immediately if your home catches fire. **Stay out and dial triple zero '000' for help.**



Important

Turn it off before you turn away.