Home Fires—By the Numbers:

Every day at least one child dies in a home fire.

Home fires account for nearly 90% of all fire-related fatalities.

Kitchen fires are the leading cause of home fires.

Kitchen fires result in more than 150,000 U.S. home fires & $794 million in damages each year.

20% of homes have smoke detectors that do not work or have batteries missing.

**TOP CAUSES OF COOKING EQUIPMENT FIRES:**
- Stoves—58%
- Ovens—16%
- Microwaves—5%
- Portable Cookers—4%
- Barbecues—2%
- Deep Fryers—1%

Prevention:

- Pay Attention. Do not walk away when cooking.
- Keep a lid nearby to smother flames in case of a fire.
- Keep flammable items away from the stove top.
- Remember to check the expiration date on your fire extinguisher.
- Always turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen.
- Never cook under the influence of alcohol.
- Unplug all countertop appliances after use. Pull on the plug, not the cord.
- Never wrap or bundle cords together. This prevents the heat from dissipating, leading to a fire hazard.
- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Store all flammable materials in approved containers and away from any potential heat sources, including direct sunlight.
- GFCI protection should be used in areas where electricity could come in contact with water-bathrooms, kitchen & garage.
- Tamper resistant receptacles should be installed in bedrooms, especially where young children live.
- Clean out the lint screen in the dryer before every load and do not overload the dryer.
- Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, near stairways leading to upper levels and at least on every level of your home including the basement.
- Have Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCI) installed to safeguard your bedrooms.

In Case of Emergency.....
- If it’s a contained oven fire, keep the oven closed and turn off the heat.
- Have an evacuation plan at work and at home. Have a meeting place outside.
- Get everyone out of the house. A fire doubles in size every 30 seconds.
- Know where and how to use your fire extinguisher. Know the pass system-Pull, Aim Low, Squeeze, and Sweep.
- Call 911.
- Remember...Stop, Drop and Roll.

People First
Safety Always