



Ocean City Fire Department

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Ocean City Fire Dept. offers safety tips for cooking

Due to the recent occurrence of cooking related fires that have resulted in injuries within the Town of Ocean City, the Ocean City Fire Department would like to provide residents and visitors with several safety tips to ensure that your cooking experience is a safe one.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), cooking related fires are the number one cause of home fires and fire related injuries in the United States, accounting for nearly 40 percent of all home fires in the country. When cooking, you should adhere to the following safety tips:

- Never leave cooking equipment unattended when the equipment is turned on.
- Keep combustibles away from hot surfaces.
- Avoid using cooking equipment when you are sleepy.
- Keep a household ABC fire extinguisher in the kitchen.

Should a fire occur involving cooking equipment, it is recommended that you leave the home and call 9-1-1. If you choose to attempt to extinguish a small fire with a fire extinguisher, ensure you have a clear path to an exit. In the event of a small grease fire, never use water to extinguish the fire. A good method is to smother the fire by placing a lid on the pan and turning off the stovetop. You should not attempt to remove the pot or pan to the outside, as this is a common way to get burned and spread the fire. In the event of an oven fire, make sure the oven door is closed and the oven turned off.

The safety and well being of all residents and visitors of the Town of Ocean City is the primary goal of the Ocean City Fire Department. Anyone with questions pertaining to cooking related fires should contact the Ocean City Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshal at 410-289-8780.