

Public Service Announcement

Fire Prevention Week 2013 – Prevent Kitchen Fires

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Prevent Kitchen Fires is the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, being held across Canada from October 6-12, 2013.

The Office of the Fire Marshall would like to remind all Nunavummiut to take the following safety measures to prevent kitchen fires in their homes:

- Never leave cooking unattended; oil and grease can catch fire at high temperatures.
- Avoid wearing loose or long sleeves when cooking. Keep dishcloths, towels and other flammable items away from hot burners.
- Check appliances for damaged electrical cords before use;
- Always turn oven and burners off when finished cooking and unplug small appliances after use;
- <u>Do not use water to put out a grease fire.</u> Water will splatter and could cause serious harm and make the fire spread further.
- In the event of a grease fire, follow these steps:
 - Cover your hands with an oven mitt
 - Slide a pot lid or cookie sheet over the flames to smother the fire
 - Turn off the heat source
 - Do not attempt to move the pan or remove the lid until after it has cooled completely

- o If the fire continues, use a fire extinguisher to put it out.
- If you do not have a fire extinguisher, leave your home immediately and call your local fire department.

Nunavummiut are also reminded to install smoke detectors in their homes, test them monthly, and replace batteries when required.

For more information about kitchen safety and fire prevention, please contact your local fire department or the Office of the Fire Marshall at 867-975-5310.

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