

# Cooking Fire Safety

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States and Canada.

## If there is a fire in a pan:



- Cover it with a lid—use an oven mitt to protect your hand.
- Turn off the stove and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- If the fire is large or has spread to other items, get outside quickly and call 911 from a safe place.



**Never leave the kitchen** when frying, broiling or grilling food. If you must leave the stove, **turn it off** or **set a timer to remind you** to **Keep your cooking area clear**. Check the food. If there is a fire in a pan... **Put a lid on it!**

Keep all **things that can catch fire away from the stovetop**—loose clothing, oven mitts, towels, papers, food packaging, wood or plastic cooking utensils and even curtains. If the fire has spread, get out and call 9 1 1.