

# 3 Keys to Safe Cooking

In 2021, fires caused 3,800 civilian fire deaths, 14,700 reported civilian fire injuries, and \$15.9 billion in property damage. Cooking was the leading cause.\*



## Regularly check kitchen appliances

Look for defects or signs of wear and tear, like frayed cords.



## Clear the cooking area

Keep flammable items like paper towels, kitchen rags, and cleaning supplies away from the stove, oven, or microwave.



## Never leave cooking unattended

This is a leading cause of kitchen fires. Always be sure someone is in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stovetop or in the oven.

\*Source: National Fire Protection Association, [nfpa.org](https://www.nfpa.org)