

## Parents and Caregivers,

Cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries. This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW) campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™", works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

FPW is a perfect time to complete this cooking safety checklist together. If you checked **YES** on all the boxes, great job! If some boxes are checked **NO**, work together as a family to turn them into a **YES**.



# SERVE UP Fire Safety IN THE KITCHEN!™

## The Family's Cooking Safety Checklist

- YES  NO Does a grown-up always pay attention to things that are cooking?
- YES  NO Does a grown-up watch the stovetop when he or she is frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food?
- YES  NO If a grown-up must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, does he or she turn off the burner?
- YES  NO Are things that can burn, such as dish towels, curtains, or paper, away from the stovetop?
- YES  NO Are the stovetop, burners, and oven clean — no spilled food, grease, paper or bags?
- YES  NO Are pot handles turned toward the back of the stove when a grown-up is cooking?
- YES  NO Do children and pets stay out of the kid-free zone (3 feet or 1 meter from the stove) when a grown-up is cooking?
- YES  NO Are containers opened slowly when removing from the microwave? Hot steam can escape from containers and cause burns.
- YES  NO Does your family have working smoke alarms on every level of the home, outside all sleeping areas, and in each bedroom?
- YES  NO Does your family have a home fire escape plan?
- YES  NO Do you practice the plan?



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