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NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Preventing Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat." From October 8th to 14th, 2006, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) wants to raise awareness about the fact that more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home. The goal is to teach families how to keep cooking fires from starting in the first place.

Here are some quick facts about cooking fires:

- ▲ On average 114,000 reported home fires are associated with cooking equipment each year, resulting in 290 deaths and 4380 injuries annually.
- ▲ Three out of ten reported home fires start in the kitchen—more than any other place in the home.
- ▲ Two out of three reported home cooking fires start with the range or stove.
- ▲ While electric ranges or stoves have a higher risk of fires, injuries, and property damage; gas ranges or stoves have a higher risk of fire deaths.
- ▲ Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.
- ▲ In the U.S., a home structure fire is reported every 79 seconds, and someone dies from a home fire every 135 minutes.

The NFPA offers safety tips to follow when cooking:

- ✓ Stay in the kitchen anytime you are boiling, frying, broiling, or grilling any food. Turn off the stove or other cooking equipment if you must leave the kitchen.
- ✓ If you are roasting, baking, or simmering food, check it regularly, remain in the home at all times, and use a timer to remind you that something is cooking.
- ✓ Keep cooking equipment clear of anything that can burn, such as rags, towels, curtains, drapes, grease, or other spilled cooking materials.
- ✓ Avoid wearing loose clothing or sleeves, and don't reach over active burners to access items behind or above them.
- ✓ If your clothes catch fire, *stop, drop, and roll* until the fire is out. Get immediate medical attention for burns.
- ✓ Use oven mitts or other hand protection when removing hot food from ovens, microwaves, or stovetops.
- ✓ Never cook when you are drowsy or if you have consumed alcohol or medication that makes you sleepy.
- ✓ Keep a fire extinguisher handy in the kitchen.

During Fire Prevention Week, talk to your children about fire safety and review what to do in case of a fire. Fires are preventable at home and at work.

SAFETY REMINDER

**Fire prevention on the job includes knowing how to work safely with electricity, chemicals, flammable liquids, and gases.
Follow all safe work practices to prevent all fires on every site.**

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

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Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____

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