

## **Public Service Announcement**

## Fire Prevention Week 2020 – Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!

Start Date: October 5, 2020 End Date: October 10, 2020

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Fire Prevention Week is from October 4 to 10, 2020. This year's theme is "Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!".

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in Canada. Most reported home fires started in the kitchen, with the ignition of food or other cooking materials. The Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office would like to remind Nunavummiut of the following home fire safety tips:

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly. and use a timer to monitor food readiness.
- You must be alert when cooking. You will not be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or have consumed alcohol.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you are cooking. If a small
  grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the
  burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least one meter around the stove and areas where hot foods and drinks are prepared or carried.

Students from kindergarten to grade 9 are also invited to take part in the annual Fire Prevention Week colouring, poster design and essay contest. Please contact your school for more information about how to enter.

Being prepared can save your life. During Fire Prevention Week, talk to your family and children about fire safety at home and in your community.

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