

# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET



Tasmania Fire Service

## Kitchens

Keep looking when cooking. Turn it off before you turn away.

### The kitchen is the room where most fires occur in the home.

Cooking left unattended is the most common cause of fires in the kitchen, so be sure to look when you cook.

- Heat oil carefully and do not overfill a pot or pan.
- Never try to carry a burning pot or pan.
- Keep pot handles turned inwards.
- Don't hang objects over oven door handles, such as tea towels.
- Store flammable materials away from the stove.
- Empty the crumbs from your toaster regularly, and never position the toaster near curtains or blinds.
- Wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Use a lid or fire blanket to smother a fire in a pot or pan if safe to do so.
- Never use water, flour or salt to put out an oil or fat fire on the stove.
- Leave immediately if your home catches fire.

**!** Stay out and dial triple zero '000' for help.

**DO NOT use a gas or coal barbecue inside the home.**



A fire blanket should be in every kitchen. Only use if you think it is safe to do so.



Don't let fats and oils build up around the stove, as they can catch fire.