



Tasmania Fire Service

# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET

## Kitchen fire safety

**Many house fires start in the kitchen and the majority of all kitchen fires begin from cooking that is left unattended on the stove.**

- **Never** leave cooking unattended. **Turn it off before you turn away!**
- **Don't** let fats and oils build up around the stove, they can catch fire.
- Heat oil carefully and **do not overfill** pot or pan.
- **Never** use water, flour or salt to put out an oil or fat fire on the stove.
- **Use** a lid or fire blanket to smother a fire in 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 eg. 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.
- **Leave** immediately if your home catches fire. **Stay out and dial triple zero '000' for help.**



### Important

Turn it off before you turn away.