



SEVIER COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Importance of Cooking Safely

- Between 2012 and 2016, U.S. fire departments responded to a per year average of 172,100 home structure fires that involved cooking equipment. These fires caused a per year average of 530 civilian deaths, 5,270 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage.
- From 2012 and 2016, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 471 home cooking fires per day.
- Cooking is the second leading cause of home fire deaths.
- Unattended cooking is the leading factor contributing to these fires. Frying poses the greatest risk of fire.
- Ranges, or cooktops, accounted for the majority (63%) of home cooking-fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 13%.
- More than half of all cooking-fire injuries occurred when people tried to fight the fire themselves.
- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.