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FIRE SAFETY TIPS:

PREPARING THE KITCHEN AND COOKING:

Many Cooking fires can be prevented during food preparation by taking safety precautions. Follow these precautions when preparing the kitchen and cooking:

- Stay in the kitchen – do not leave cooking food unattended.
- Wear more snug fitting sleeves. Loose sleeves are more likely to catch on fire or get caught on pot handles.
- Take extra care when handling boiling water.
- Cook at indicated temperature settings, not higher settings.
- Do not become distracted by attending to children, doorbells, or phone calls.
- Keep area clear of towels, paper or anything that may burn.
- Turn pot handles inward, facing the wall, to prevent burns caused by overturning or spills.
- Have a pot lid and container of baking soda handy to smother a pan fire. **DO NOT USE WATER.**
- If there is a cooking fire, **CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY** and keep the oven door shut and turn the oven off.

