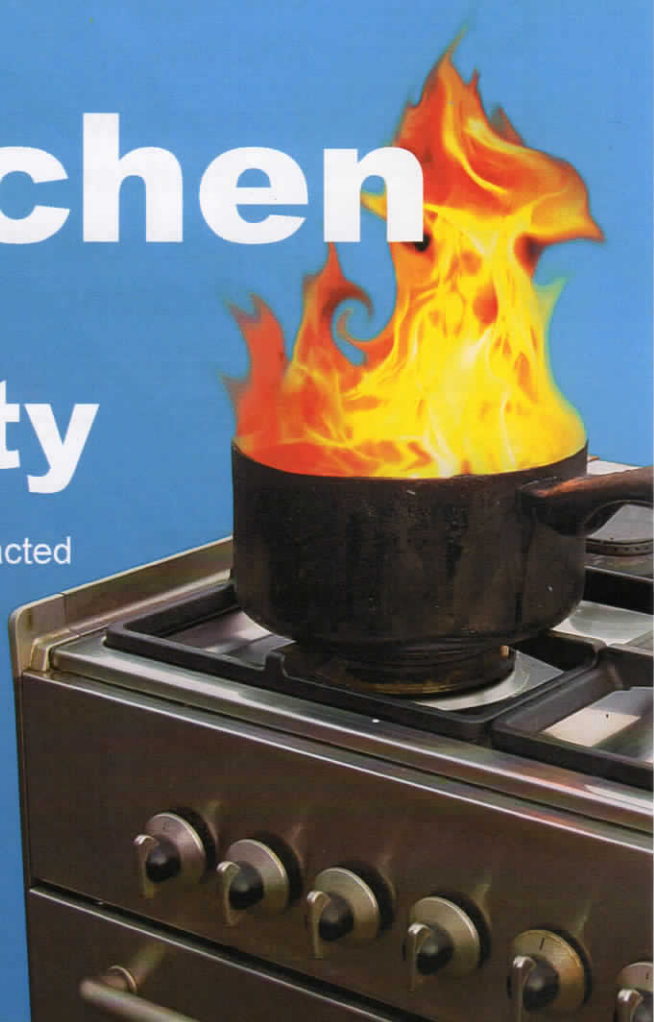




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Kitchen Fire Safety

Don't become distracted
when you are
cooking and
entertaining.
Remember - Fire
starts when your
attention stops.



**Over 50% of house fires start in the
kitchen - don't let yours be next.**

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■ Always switch off the cooking before leaving the kitchen.



■ Never leave your cooking unattended.



■ Do not cook if you are under the influence of alcohol.

■ Make sure you have a working smoke alarm.

Kitchen Fire Safety

- When cooking, take care if you're wearing loose clothing as it can easily catch fire
- Keep electrical leads, tea-towels and clothes away from the cooker and hob
- Never leave children alone in the kitchen
- Keep matches, lighters and saucepan handles where children can't reach them and fit a safety catch on your oven door
- Keep the oven, hob, toaster and grill clean - a build-up of fat, crumbs or grease can easily catch fire



- Don't use matches or lighters to light gas cookers - spark devices, which you can buy from hardware stores are safer
- Don't leave pans on the hob when you're not around - take them off the heat if you have to leave the kitchen
- Angle saucepan handles so they don't stick out from the hob or over a naked flame
- Don't put anything that is made of metal or is metallic inside the microwave
- When you have finished cooking, make sure you switch off the oven and hob.



Deep-Fat Fryer Safety

- If you regularly deep-fry, consider buying an electric deep-fat fryer. They have thermostats fitted so they can't overheat and are safer to use
- Dry food before putting it into hot oil to prevent the oil from splashing and burning you
- If you don't have an electric deep-fat fryer and are using an ordinary pan, never fill it more than one-third full

- If the oil starts to smoke, it's too hot - turn the heat off and leave it to cool.

IF a Pan Catches Fire

- **Don't take risks** - get out and call the fire service
- Turn off the heat if it is safe - do not move the pan
- Don't throw water over the pan or use a fire extinguisher as this will create a fire ball.

Ask yourself...

Could **YOU** get out...

ALIVE?

Is the risk of **FIRE**
something you ever
consider? **Question**
YOUR Perception of fire.



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