



COOKING SAFETY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Cooking Fire Safety Tips

- Cook only where it is permitted.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Frying poses the greatest risk — never put water on a grease fire — put a lid on it.
- If a fire starts in a microwave, keep the door closed, and unplug the unit.
- If you use electric appliances, do not overload circuits.
- Stand by your pan — if you leave the kitchen, turn the burner off.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat, and keep the door closed.
- Propane and charcoal barbecue grills must only be used outdoors.

DID YOU KNOW?

85 percent of university housing fires are cooking fires.

Unattended cooking is by far the leading contributing factor in college cooking fires.

There are more than 3,000 university cooking fires each year.

Microwave popcorn fires are a common occurrence with college students.

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