

Home Fire Safety

FACT SHEET



Tasmania Fire Service



Kitchens

Keep looking when cooking. Turn it off before you turn away.

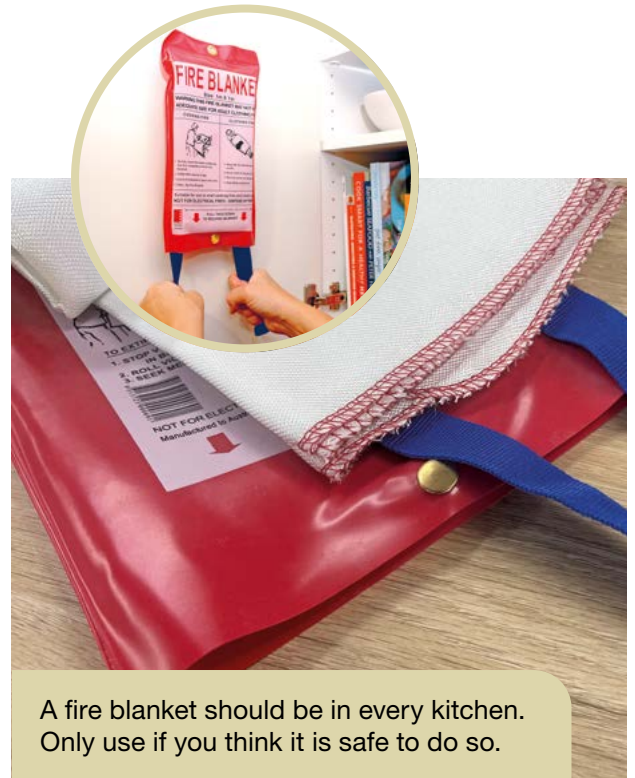
Home fires often start in the kitchen.

Cooking left unattended is a common cause of fires in the kitchen, so be sure to look when you cook.

- Heat oil carefully and **DO NOT** overfill a pot or pan.
- **NEVER** try to carry a pot or pan that's on fire.
- Keep pot and pan handles turned inwards, away from other heat sources and out of reach of children.
- **DO NOT** hang objects over oven door handles, such as 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.
- Use a lid or fire blanket to smother a fire in a pot or pan if it's safe to do so.
- **NEVER** use water, flour or salt to put out an oil or fat fire on the stove.
- Check that the stove, cooktop, oven and other heat sources are turned off before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Always supervise children in the kitchen.
- Leave immediately if your home catches fire.

! Stay out and dial triple zero '000' for help.

DO NOT use a gas or coal barbecue inside the home.



A fire blanket should be in every kitchen. Only use if you think it is safe to do so.



Don't let fats and oils build up around the stove, as they can catch fire.