



COOKING SAFETY TIPS

- Keep the area around the cooking surface free from paper, pot holders, towels or grease build-up or anything that can catch fire.
- Do not get distracted; stay in the kitchen area while cooking.
- Turn pot and pan handles inward toward the wall. Turned inward, there is less chance of shirt sleeves catching the handles and tipping over hot pots or pans.
- Open the oven door and check for boxes or leftover food items before preheating the oven for cooking.
- Have a proper fitting lid handy before you start cooking. If a pot or pan catches fire, turn off the heat source and place a lid on the pot or pan using an oven mitt.
- Do not tamper with the smoke/carbon monoxide or heat detectors by covering them or removing the batteries.

RESPONSE TIPS

- Vent smoke from a room to the outside by opening a window, not a door into the building hallways. The nearby smoke alarm will continue to sound until the smoke is cleared from the area.
- Do not attempt to transfer a flaming pot or pan to the sink and douse with water. Grease fires will flare up if doused with water.

If a small cooking fire starts in your kitchen area that you quickly extinguish, or other smoke condition occurs, whether or not your alarm sounds, call **Barnard Community Safety at (212) 854-6666** for follow up reporting to reduce the likelihood of a building alarm requiring evacuation.

Alert others for a fire condition. Fires can spread quickly. Get out, Warn immediate suite/apartment occupants, close the door behind you, pull the pull station located by exits, call 911 then Barnard Community Safety at (212 854-6666) and explain the location and nature of the fire incident.



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