



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY FIRE PREVENTION WEEK TALKING POINTS 2023



- Fire Prevention Week will be held October 8th through October 14th
- This year's National Fire Protection Association theme is "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention."
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- Turn pot handles towards the back of the stove so that no one can bump them or pull them over.
- Always keep a lid or fire extinguisher nearby when cooking.
- When your grill is in use, it should be kept in an open space, away from anything that might catch fire, including siding, deck railings, eaves, or tree branches. Never leave a lit grill unattended.
- Check food often while cooking. Use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.
- Keep the stovetop, oven, and the burners clean.
- Keep anything that can catch fire, including oven mitts, paper towels, paper or plastic bags, curtains, or loose clothing away from the stove, oven, or other kitchen appliance.
- Have a kid and pet-free zone of at least three feet from the stove.
- Always check the oven to make sure it's empty before turning it on.
- Use the oven for cooking only, never for storage.
- Avoid cooking while tired/sleepy or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Never pour water on a grease fire! Cover the pan with a lid and turn off the stove.
- If there's a fire in the oven or microwave, keep the door closed and turn off the appliance.
- Leave your home immediately if a cooking fire is large or spreading quickly.
- Make a home escape plan, draw a map of each level of the home, show all doors and windows, and go to each room and point to the two ways out.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home.
- Have an outside meeting place (something permanent, like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) a safe distance in front of the home where firefighters will easily find you.