

# DON'T GET **BURNED** BY THE BIRD

*Deep frying your turkey this Thanksgiving? Use these tips to avoid burn injuries and reduce fire risks.*



### Don't let the oil overflow

The turkey will displace some of the oil. Make sure when the turkey is submerged that there is at least five inches of space from the oil and the top of the pot. Turn off the burner when putting the turkey in and taking it out to avoid drips into the flame.



### Don't mix oil and water

Your turkey has to be **COMPLETELY** thawed. When water in the turkey meets oil it will cause spatters. Do not try to put out any fires with water, use a class B fire extinguisher instead



### Watch the temperature

Do not let the oil get over **350 degrees**. If it gets too hot it can ignite a fire



### Watch the pot

**NEVER** leave it unsupervised. Keep children and pets away, and establish a "circle of safety" around the pot. Make sure it is on a level surface away from buildings.



### Don't touch it

The pot will be very hot. Also, keep away from the burner flame.

# THANKSGIVING SAFETY



THE GREATEST NUMBER OF HOME-COOKING FIRES OCCUR ON THANKSGIVING.

TOP CAUSES OF HOME FIRES:

- HEAT SOURCE TOO CLOSE TO FLAMMABLE MATERIALS
- PRODUCT MISUSE (MOSTLY TURKEY FRYERS)
- UNATTENDED EQUIPMENT
- ACCIDENTALLY LEAVING COOKING EQUIPMENT ON
- ABANDONED MATERIAL



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## Stand by your Pan!

- Use safe cooking practices, such as never leaving food unattended on the stove. Also, supervise or restrict children's use of stoves, ovens, and especially microwaves.
- If you are cooking at high temperatures, turn off the burner before leaving the kitchen.

## Thanksgiving Fire Facts

- In 2018, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,630 home cooking fires on Thanksgiving, the peak day for such fires.
- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.



**Use turkey fryers outdoors.**

Never use them on a wooden deck or in a garage.

