

kitchen fires

Not all fires are created equal, therefore not all fires can be remedied the same way. To keep yourself safe in the kitchen, read below for tips to prevent kitchen fires, as well as how to safely deal with a fire if one should occur. Thanks to InterNACHI (International Association of Certified Home Inspectors) for the image below.

Grease & Electrical Fires

Grease fires are caused when oil becomes too hot, begins to smoke and eventually catches fire. Do not use water to put out the flames because that will make the problem worse, potentially harming you in the process.






Electrical fires can be caused by faulty electrical outlets, old appliances, or the misuse of extension cords.

PREVENTION TIPS:

- Don't leave your cooking unattended
- Turn OFF the stove and other appliances before you leave the room
- Don't heat oil too quickly

IF A FIRE STARTS:

1. Turn off the burner or the appliance (if possible)
2. Reduce the amount of oxygen to the fire (place a metal pot lid over a pot or keep the appliance door closed)
3. DO NOT POUR WATER ON THE FIRE
4. Pour on baking soda (don't substitute with another baking ingredient)
5. Use the appropriate fire extinguisher for the job (see chart)
6. Get out of the house
7. Call 911

CLASSES OF FIRES	TYPES OF FIRES	PICTURE SYMBOL
A	Wood, paper, cloth, trash & other ordinary materials.	
B	Gasoline, oil, paint and other flammable liquids.	
C	May be used on fires involving live electrical equipment without danger to the operator.	
D	Combustible metals and combustible metal alloys.	
K	Cooking media (Vegetable or Animal Oils and Fats)	

TIP: If you sustain minor burn injuries in the process of dealing with a kitchen fire, run the burn under cold water for 5-10 minutes. If a large portion of your body is burned or very sensitive areas are affected (such as your face) call 911 immediately.

NOTE: A quick reference guide is not a replacement for first aid and CPR training – get trained today and save a life.

