

Summer Cooking Safety Messages

Fire Safety Webinar Series

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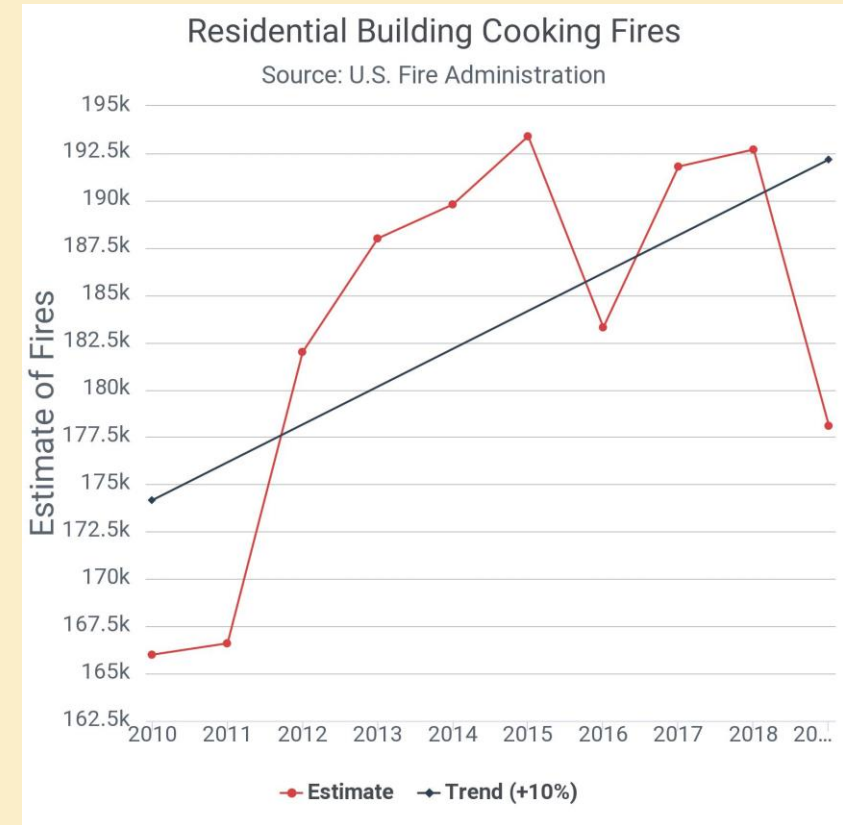
Upcoming Events

- NFPA 1035: Youth Fire Intervention Specialist Training – May 17 & 18, 2022
 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nfpa-1035-youth-firesetter-intervention-specialist-training-tickets-324979371047>
- Webinar Series: Wildfire Evacuation Preparation for Kids – May 25, 2022
 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/osfm-webinar-wildfire-evacuation-prep-for-kids-tickets-320231590307>
- Webinar Series: Fire Safety Away from Home – June 8, 2022
 - Registration information to come



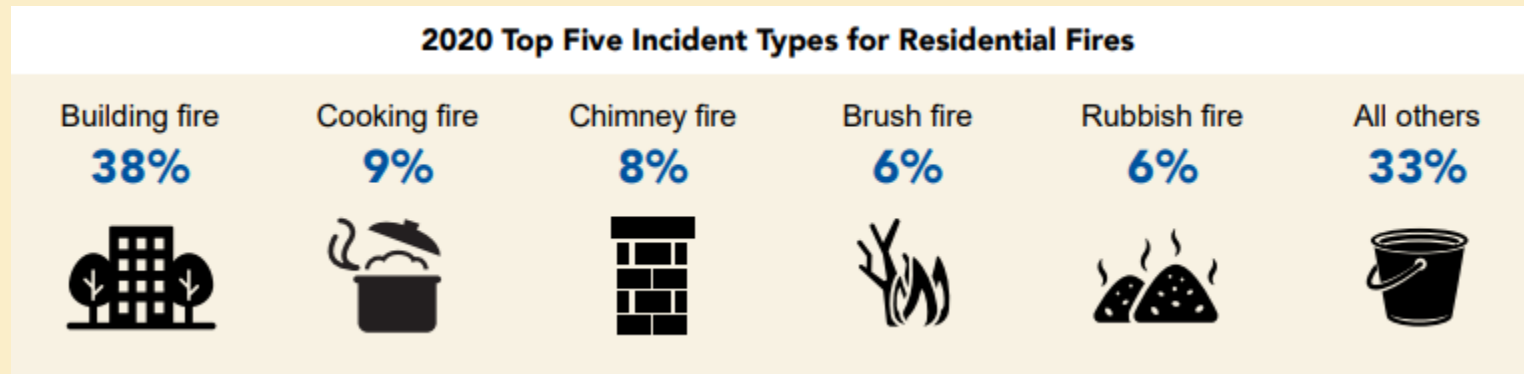
Why we focus on Cooking Safety

- NFPA lists cooking fires as the number one cause of home fires and home injuries in their data through 2018.
- USFA shows a drop in cooking fires from 2018 to last year.
- Both agencies record a similar number of total residential fires throughout the Pandemic.



Why we focus on Cooking Safety

Residential cooking fires have also decreased in Oregon since 2018.



Still the 3th most prevalent cause of residential structure fires.



Who is our Audience?

Older Adults

- At much higher risk of injury and death due to physical, visual, hearing or mental impairments that may slow the quick action necessary in a fire emergency.
- Have thinner skin that burns faster and more deeply than younger people.



Who is our Audience?

Adults

- Many have heard these messages before.
- Short messages serve as quick reminders and new info for older teens and young adults.
- Be mindful of cultural differences.



Who is our Audience?

Youth

- More unsupervised time than before.
- Caring for younger children.
- Inexperienced in the kitchen.
- Learning new skills.



Who is our Audience?

Young Children

- Curious and helpful.
- High risk of burns and scalds because of thinner skin and little understanding of things that are hot.
- Should never be left unsupervised in the kitchen.



Core Messages

FIRE SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN

- Pay attention while cooking. Never walk away from a stove that is turned on.
- Keep the stove top clear (even if you think it's turned off).
- Keep a pan lid immediately next to your stove so you can put out a fire. Place the lid so that you never reach across the fire to get it. Use the lid instead of water to put out any flames.
- Keep your drip pans clean to avoid fire.



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Adding Seasonal Messages

Cooking Fires

- BBQ Safety
- Campfire Safety

Burn injuries

- Hot foods
- Hot utensils
- Steam burns



Summer Cooking Safety Messages

- Avoid loose clothing in the kitchen
- Stovetop – keep it clean and clear
- BBQ – clean and maintain the same way as stovetop/drip pans
- Microwave – what to do with the fire inside
- Pay attention while cooking
- 3-foot Kid Free Zone
- Escape planning



Resources

- Cooking Fire Safety – Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal
<https://www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/Pages/Cooking-Fire-Safety.aspx>
- Connie Biggs, Training and Development Specialist
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