



THANKSGIVING COOKING SAFETY AND BLACK FRIDAY SAFETY TIPS

LET'S TALK TURKEY – THE SAFE WAY!

Thanksgiving signifies the beginning of the Holiday Season and many of us will be spending more time in the kitchen preparing for the Holidays.

Thanksgiving Day is the leading day for home cooking fires, with three times as many occurring on Thanksgiving as any other day of the year.

Let us learn and share some facts about cooking fire safety:

Be careful wearing loose clothing around open flames on the stove

Use a timer and sticky notes to remind yourself of cooking times in the oven

Be careful using candles at the dinner table (especially if toddlers are present)

Use oven mitts when handling hot pots and pans

Do not cool hot pans with water if grease is in them

Have a fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it.

Stay alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, do not use the stove or stove top.

Is that smoke detector properly working?

If you have a cooking fire...

1. Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
2. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.
3. If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear path out of the home, and that someone has called the fire department.
4. Keep a lid nearby when cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stove top. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
5. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

WHEN BLACK FRIDAY COMES!

Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving when holiday gift buying begins. Sales offering big discounts lure customers in to stores, often beginning in the early hours of the morning. Unfortunately, Black Friday (and most major shopping days) is a day when shoppers may become the victim of crimes and injuries.

- People should be alert and aware of people and surroundings around them, and their vehicles. Situational Awareness at all times!
- Park in a location that is closest to the store or mall if shopping when it is dark out.
- Be careful of other motorists as they may be distracted.
- Park near where there is lighting.
- Purses should be worn in a way that it is close to the body and difficult to snatch.
- If carrying a wallet, it should be kept in the front pocket or the inside pocket of a coat or jacket.
- Carrying too many bags may also prove dangerous in many ways. If possible, leave children at home during Black Friday.
- The crowds of people can easily overwhelm a child who may be hurt or become lost. If you must bring a child, it is important to hold onto small children to avoid separation.
- Know where fire/emergency exits are in stores, restaurants, and malls.
- If you are sick, do us "all" a favor and stay home! Bring hand sanitizers to help combat germs.
- Put away the cell phone and be cognizant and courteous of others.
- Most importantly, be patient!

Now that is a bargain!