

Cooking Fires - The Facts

- Cooking was the cause of almost half (46%) of residential building fires in 2009.
- Males face a disproportionate risk of cooking fire injury relative to the amount of cooking they do.
- Young children and older adults face a higher risk of death from cooking fires than do other age groups.
- Young children are at high risk from non-fire cooking-related burns.
- Unattended cooking is the single leading factor contributing to cooking fires.
- Many other cooking fires begin because combustibles are too close to cooking heat sources.
- Frying is the cooking method posing the highest risk.
- More than half of home cooking injuries occur when people try to fight the fire themselves.
- Educational effectiveness may be enhanced by linking burn prevention and fire prevention.
- Technology may be the best long-term solution to dealing with the cooking fire problem.