



Topic: - Kitchen Fire Safety – What are the Hazards

Are you aware of the Fire that occurred in your area?

Crews from Stafford, Rising brook and Cannock were call to reports of smoke inside a property in Stafford on 21st January 2021, crews used breathing apparatus and a hose reel jet to extinguish a toaster fire.



A man in his 60's was rescued and left with paramedics at the scene.

The facts

More than 50% of the fires that we attend are caused by cooking. Distraction is the main cause of these fires, with pans and grills left to set alight because they've not been looked after properly.

Toasters left under shelves and cupboards as well as drinking whilst cooking are other examples of key hazards to kitchen safety which increase the likelihood of a fire occurring.

Our Safety Tips

Cooking Safety – Our Top Tips

1. Look when you cook. Take any pans off the heat if you have to leave the room. If your pan does catch fire do not remove or attempt to extinguish it. Get out!
2. Do not use a chip pan, use a thermostat controlled electric deep fat fryer instead
3. Do not leave children alone in the kitchen whilst cooking with the hob or oven
4. Do not place anything metallic in the microwave
5. Keep electrical leads away from water and keep electrical leads and cloths away from the hob
6. Avoid cooking if you have been drinking alcohol
7. Do not use the toaster whilst stored under a shelf or cupboard
8. Keep the oven and grill clean, a build-up of fat and grease may catch fire
9. Take care if wearing loose clothing as it can easily catch fire particularly when using the hob
10. When you have finished cooking, double check that you have turned the oven off

What you can do to help

If you know anyone who has a combination of these risk factors please let your local prevent team know. Have a chat with your neighbour, your friend, your loved one and let them know that we offer a FREE safe and well check, and will provide, if required, FREE smoke alarms and heat alarms.

It's important that we do our best together to reduce the risks from fire in your homes. Please let us know if you think someone maybe vulnerable from fire.

Please give us a call and have a chat with your Community Safety Officers. Service is completely confidential.

01785 898719 or email: - wsdgpreventteam@staffordshirefire.gov.uk

In the event of an emergency get out, stay out and dial 999



Consider if you have observed any of these factors which may increase the likelihood of a fire occurring!



Please adopt safe practices



Toaster Care
-Empty your Crumb Tray
-Watch the heat setting
when in use



**Use a Thermostat controlled
deep fat fryer NOT a chip
pan**



**Do not drink and allow
yourself to be distracted
whilst cooking**