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Alaska Department of Public Safety  
State Fire Marshal's Office**

**Home Fire Safety during the Holidays**

Nation wide, home fire losses increase during the Thanksgiving Holiday. The number one cause for this increase is unattended cooking. The Alaska Division of Fire Prevention recommends the following safety tips to make sure your holiday is safe.

- **Never leave cooking unattended.**
- **When leaving the kitchen, take a timer to remind you that there is food cooking on the stove.**
- **When leaving the home, turn the stove off.**
- **Keep young children away from the stove while cooking**
- **Turkey deep fat fryers should be used outside on a concrete surface. Never indoors!**
- **Follow the instructions on what type of oil, and how much oil to put in the fryer.**
- **Completely thaw the turkey before putting it in the fryer.**
- **Make sure that candles are kept at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn**
- **Keep candles in sturdy, nonflammable holders**
- **Do not leave children or pets unsupervised around burning candles.**
- **Blow out all candles when leaving the home.**

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