

# November



" COOKING CAN BE  
**DANGEROUS**, SO EAT OUT "

Cooking is the number one cause of fires in our homes. Most residential fires happen between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the evening. What are you doing at this time?

Each year in Ohio, 12 people lose their lives due to cooking related fires. Nearly 300 civilian injuries are reported and there is an estimated \$18,000,000 worth of property loss.

Please **don't** let your family or yourself become one of these victims by following these safety tips:

- **Don't** leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave, turn off all cooking appliances.
- **Don't** put any combustible materials such as towels, potholders, papers, etc. near any heating appliances.
- **Don't** attempt to move a pan of grease that is on fire. Put a lid on the pan and turn off the heat or use an ABC Fire Extinguisher. Alert your family so evacuation can begin.
- **Don't** wear loose fitting clothing. It is more likely to come into contact with a heating source and become ignited. (Wear tight fitting clothing around arms and waist.
- **Don't** leave small appliances (toasters, can opener, etc.) plugged into outlets. Always unplug after each use.
- **Don't** leave pot handles sticking out for children or adults to knock over. Be sure to turn handles towards the back of stove.
- **Don't** use any electrical appliance if it appears to be malfunctioning. Please have checked, repaired or replaced.



## Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving