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Fire Prevention Week 2020 – Put A Lid On It

Olympia – According to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), almost half (44%) of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

To reduce the number of cooking fires, the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) advises residents to always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Do not attempt to move the pan. Leave the pan on the stove and covered until cool. If an oven fire starts, turn off the oven and leave the door closed until its cool.

For more information about “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” and preventing cooking fires, visit www.fpw.org.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in your area, contact your local fire department.

For more about fire safety, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at 360-596-3929.

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