

# LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT – PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS



## **Cooking & Party Safety**

The kitchen is the busiest room in the house. The smell of cooking fills the home and draws us all to the kitchen. Be extra careful when cooking since grease fires are a leading cause of house fires.

Here are a few safety tips to prevent a grease or kitchen fire:

- Should a fire occur in a pot, NEVER try and move the pot, instead smother the flames by covering with a lid.
- Turn off the heat immediately.
- Baking soda can be used on small fires if no lid is available. Never use flour or salt, it can be explosive.
- Never turn on the overhead fan, as this could spread the fire.
- NEVER THROW WATER ON A GREASE FIRE!

## **Entertaining Safely**

While you are enjoying the festivities, remember the following safety tips:

- Take care when burning candles. Be sure they are kept well away from decorations or other combustibles. Don't leave children unattended in a room with lit candles, and always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters up high and out of the reach of children.
- Provide guests with large deep ashtrays and check them frequently and after the party.
- Remember to check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for cigarette butts that could be smoldering. Empty ashtrays into metal containers