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### **Fire Prevention Week 2020 – Never Leave Cooking Unattended**

**Olympia** – According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. For this reason, this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!"

The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) supports this campaign and reminds residents to never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove. If you are baking or roasting, check it regularly and stay home or turn off the oven if you have to leave.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in your area, contact your local fire department. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and cooking fire prevention, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).

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

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