

**NEVER**  
keep  
dish or  
paper  
towels  
near  
heating  
elements or burners.



**DO NOT** leave cooking  
unattended.

Turn pot handles  
**inward** to prevent  
scalding or worse.

**NEVER** cook with loose  
fitting clothing.



**SMOKE ALARMS  
SAVE LIVES!**

**A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM  
THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY  
AND YOUR LOCAL FIRE SERVICE**



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FIRE SAFETY FACTS



**HOME  
APPLIANCE  
HAZARDS**



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FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY  
**Appliance Fires**



*No home appliance is more indispensable than the microwave oven.*



*Add to that, the variety of others, among them griddle irons, clothes irons, toasters, toaster ovens, dishwashers, warming trays and space heaters, the array of small and large appliances in the typical Garden State residence reflects how we enjoy the convenience of them.*



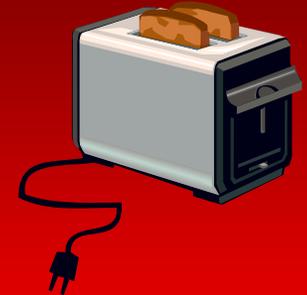
*However, neglect and abuse of them can result in very serious hazards.*

*Here are some steps to take to keep your appliances fire safe.*



*Keep appliances away from wet areas in the kitchen, basement or garage.*

*Check household electrical service and consult a NJ licensed electrician for any problem.*



*Unplug immediately any appliance that sparks or arcs.*

*Use extension cords wisely.*

*Regularly check them for wear.*

*NEVER use extension cords as permanent wiring.*