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Serving up Fire Safety in the Kitchen: Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2020

(Barrie, ON) Did you know cooking is the number one cause of home fires and fire injuries? Barrie Fire and Emergency Service (BFES) is recognizing Fire Prevention week in a different way this year, due to COVID-19 restrictions with public events and gatherings.

During Fire Prevention Week, happening October 4 to 10, take some time to learn about simple but important actions to keep you and your family safe in in the kitchen:

- never leave the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or boiling food
- if you have to leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the stove
- use a timer when cooking
- keep oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels and curtains away from the stovetop
- keep kids safe from burns by having a 'kid-free' zone of at least 1 metre around the stove, and teach them kitchen and fire safety tips
- if a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame
- if you do have a kitchen fire, just get out and call 9-1-1

TVO Kids Push 2 Buttons Campaign!

BFES, the Office of the Fire Marshal and TVOKids have teamed up to encourage everyone to test their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Families can visit [tvokids.com](https://www.tvokids.com) to enter the number of alarms they've tested in the interactive counter.

The majority of this year's Fire Prevention Week events and activities will take place virtually on BFES' social media accounts (facebook.com/BarrieFireService and twitter.com/Barrie_Fire).

For more information, visit [Barrie.ca/FPW](https://barrie.ca/FPW).

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