



# BAKERSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Thanksgiving Safety Tips

Protect your family and guests by maintaining working smoke detectors on every level of the house, in every bedroom, and in the halls adjacent to the bedrooms.

Guests should be instructed on your Home Fire Escape Plan and designated meeting area.

Keep a fire extinguisher accessible for use near the stove, on the exit side of the kitchen. A 2-1/2 lb., ABC rated multi-purpose dry chemical extinguisher is recommended and available at your local hardware store. Know how to use your fire extinguisher.

Make sure your stove and oven are free of grease build-up prior to holiday cooking.

Keep young children away from the kitchen to lessen the possibility of mishaps.

Do not wear loose clothing, loose aprons or hanging jewelry near open flames.

Cook on the back burners and turn pot handles in so they don't extend over the edge of the stove.

Never leave cooking unattended. Unattended cooking is a major cause of home fires.

Keep holiday decorations away from sources of direct heat.

Candles should never be burning when you are away from home, or going to bed.

Limit smoking to outdoors or provide guests with large, deep ashtrays indoors.