



THANKSGIVING SAFETY

By Drew Hinton, President/CEO of Arrow Safety, LLC

Whether Thanksgiving is a time for family gatherings, NFL football, or anything else in between, we all have something to be grateful for at this time of the year. However, just as a fumbled football can quickly cause a game to completely change directions, the same thing can happen in your kitchen while trying to prepare a meal for the entire family. Keeping safety at the forefront of your mind while cooking during the holidays can help ensure you have a peaceful and safe day with your family and friends!

Thanksgiving Fire Statistics

- More than 3x as many home cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year.
- The peak day for home cooking fires is Thanksgiving Day, which causes more than 2x as many fires than the second leading date (Christmas Day).
- In 2018, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 470 home cooking fires per day, with over 1,600 occurring on Thanksgiving Day.
- Deep fryers cause the highest casualty rates for cooking fires, contributing to 5.4 deaths per 1,000 fires.
- Grills, hibachis, barbecues, and deep fryers cause an average of \$27,000 worth of damage per fire.

Top 10 Safety Tips

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot, and kids should stay three feet away.

- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy, or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer, or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

For more Thanksgiving safety tips, visit the NFPA's website by clicking [here](#).

REVISITING HEINRICH AND HIS TRIANGLE

By Thomas Carson, Founder/CEO of [Sospes, LLC](#)



...theories change, pendulums swing and yesterday's ideas give way to today's. Some safety theorists seem to look at these two positions as incompatible based on real-world limited resources available to pursue multiple incident reduction strategies. Maybe, but I am convinced

that both approaches have value, and both can be managed effectively with efficient safety

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