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## Floridians,

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and it's a great time to spend with family and friends. Unfortunately, it can turn tragic if you don't take proper fire safety measures to protect your loved ones. Thanksgiving is the **leading day** of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment. In 2016, U.S. fire departments responded to an **estimated 1,570** home cooking fires on Thanksgiving.

Follow these easy tips to protect your family and friends from tragedy:

1. Keep a fire extinguisher close.
2. Keep an eye on children while cooking, as the stove will be hot. Kids should stay at least three feet away from appliances, hot food and liquids.
3. If you fry a turkey, do it away from the home and make sure the bird is completely thawed before cooking.
4. Don't overfill the fryer.



I hope you enjoy this most wonderful time of year with your family and loved ones!

Sincerely,

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