

Kitchen Fires

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The commonest cause of house fires, and what to do — and never do.

Educational reference. If in any doubt, leave and call the fire service.

1

Turn off the heat

If it is safe to reach the control.

2

Do not move the pan

Carrying a burning pan is how people are seriously injured.

3

Smother it

A fire blanket, or a lid. Cut off the oxygen.

4

Leave it to cool

Do not lift the lid. It can reignite.

5

If it is not immediately controlled, leave

Close the door, get everyone out, call the fire service.

NEVER

Never water on oil or fat

Never move a burning pan

Never open an oven that is on fire — starve it of air

Educational reference. Keep a fire blanket within reach of the hob, and test smoke alarms weekly.