

Kildare Fire Service

Fire Safety Information



HOUSEHOLD SAFETY

Chip pan:

Kildare Fire Service would strongly advise anybody with a chip pan to dispose of it and invest in a Deep Fat Fryer that is thermostatically controlled.

However, if you are still using a chip pan, here is some safety tips.

- When Oil or Fat overheats, it catches fire.
- If oil or fat spills out over top of the chip pan it catch fire.
(This sometimes happens when wet chips are placed into the pan)
- Never leave the chip pan unattended.
- If you have to answer the door or telephone, turn the heat off.
- A chip pan should never be filled more than a third of its size.
- Always dry chips before placing them into the pan.

Open Fires:

- Always use a safeguard in front of Open fires.
- If there are children in the room, use a fixed safeguard.
- Ensure that the fire is never built too high

Heaters:

- Always ensure that heaters are kept well away from Furniture or Curtains.
- Always turn off the heaters before moving it from one place to another.
- Never refill a hot oil heater.
- Never dry cloths over a heater

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Electrical Appliances:

- All Electrical Blankets should be serviced once a year.
 - All blankets should be dry and flat.
 - Continuously check flexes for wear and tear. If needed, repair any faults.
 - Never run any flexes under carpets as it can be unseen damage or danger.
- Never overload sockets.

Gas:

- Always ensure that gas cylinders are switched off at the regulator.
- On a regular basis, check any hoses for wear and tear and if needed, have repaired or replaced.
- If you are using gas heaters in rooms, ensure there is adequate ventilation.
- If you discover a gas leak, Do Not switch on lights or electrical appliances, ventilate the area, switch off gas at the mains, and contact your gas supplier.

Cooking:

- When cooking, Do not wear loose sleeves
- Never hang cloths directly over cookers or hobs.
- When using pots, turn pot handles inwards.
- Use a thermostatically controlled chip pan.
- Never overfill a chip pan.
- Never leave a chip pan unattended.



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