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## News Release

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### **Summit Fire Department Celebrates Fire Prevention Week**

SUMMIT, NJ, October 5, 2023 – From Sunday, October 8, to Saturday, October 14, 2023, the Summit Fire Department will join firefighters across the nation in celebrating Fire Prevention Week. The 2023 theme is “Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention,” and the campaign will work to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking.

“Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries,” explains Fire Chief Eric Evers. “It is our hope that Fire Prevention Week will encourage Summit residents to review cooking safety tips with their family and put those tips into action to keep everyone safe.”

The Summit Fire Department is sharing the following cooking safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association:

- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire, such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains, away from your stovetop.
- Stay alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don’t use the stove or stovetop.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Follow these tips for fighting small grease fires:
  - On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
  - For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.
- If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire, just leave. Close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

Visit [www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About](http://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week/About) to view additional tips, resources, and information on the 2023 Fire Prevention Week campaign. For more information on the Summit Fire Department, please visit [www.cityofsummit.org/fire](http://www.cityofsummit.org/fire).

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