

## Electrical safety in the kitchen

- ▶ Use only one heat-producing appliance on the same circuit at a time.
- ▶ Have ground-fault circuit-interrupters (GFCIs) installed on all kitchen-counter outlets to prevent shock hazards.
- ▶ Also protect counter-top circuits with the proper size fuses or circuit breakers.
- ▶ Replace cracked or frayed appliance cords.
- ▶ If an appliance feels too hot, smokes, or gives off a funny odor, unplug it immediately and have it serviced or replaced.

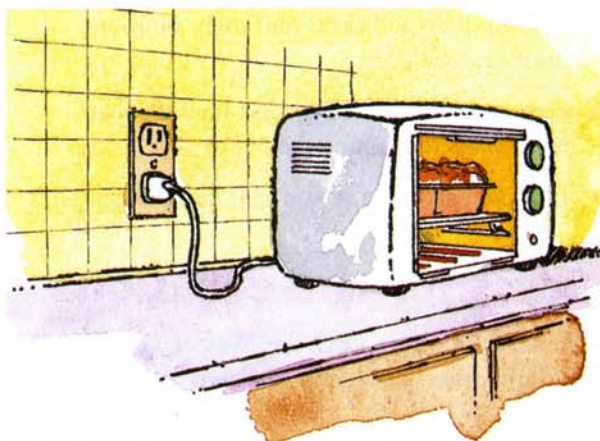
## Fighting kitchen fires

### Grease fires

If a pan of food catches fire, don't use a fire extinguisher and don't throw water on the fire. This can splatter burning grease and spread the fire! Instead smother the fire by sliding a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Prevent flare-ups by holding the lid firmly in place until the pan has cooled.

### Oven fires

Turn off the heat and keep the oven door closed.



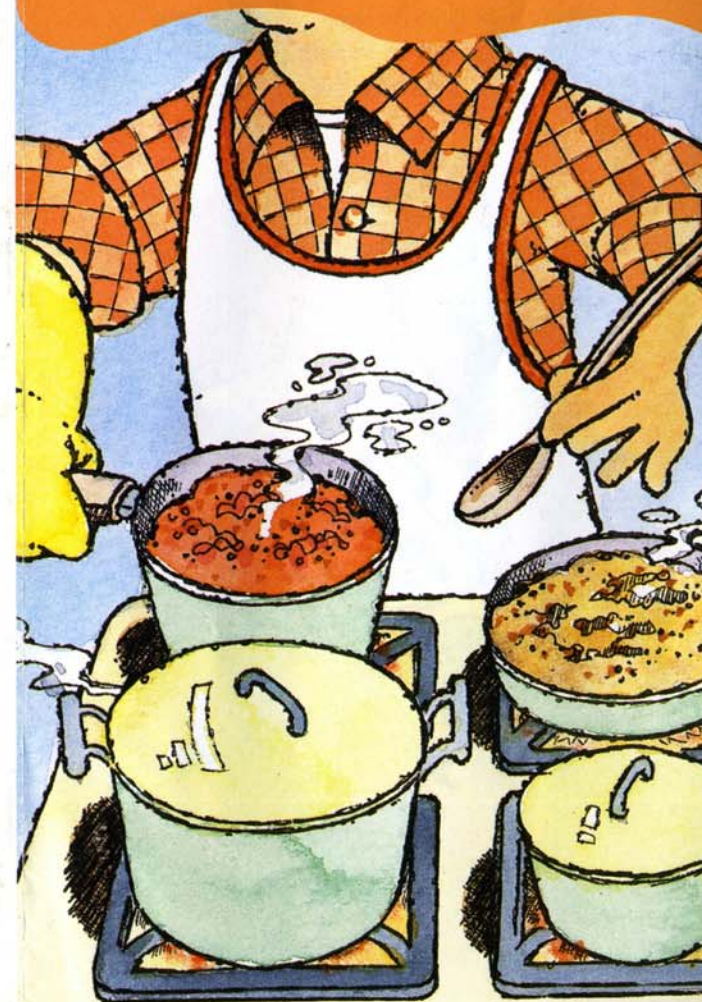
### Microwave fires

Keep the door closed and unplug the microwave. Have the oven serviced before you use it again.

**Report all fires to your fire department — even if you think you've put them out.**

# Kitchen Fire Safety

Preventing fires and burns



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