

MARO MONTHLY

with Northwell Health's Crisis Management Team

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HELLO!

Welcome to another month of Northwell Health Crisis Management Team's newsletter, where you can share, learn about, and explore emergency management topics! Each month we will highlight different topics in emergency preparedness and emergency management, as well as healthcare administration. We encourage you to review our upcoming course offerings and other relevant information!

As always, we look forward to sharing our resources, hearing your suggestions, and getting to know you at our trainings.

Since the holiday season is quickly approaching, the November 2023 newsletter will be centered around *Thanksgiving Cooking and Fire Safety!*

OUR MISSION

To lead the health system and community in an efficient and effective way before, during, and after emergency situations.

OUR VISION

Northwell's Crisis Management Incident Response Team is committed to providing the surrounding community with a high-quality learning environment, training resources, and promoting an environment of collaboration with our training partners.



Thanksgiving is the peak of home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Eve.

National Fire Protection Agency



Scan Here to Register for our courses!



Keeping the Holiday Season Happy & Healthy: *Implementing Safe Practices to Ensure a Safe Holiday Season.*



Is your family prepared to have a safe holiday season? Do you know the necessary safety measures to prevent fires and injury? As Thanksgiving approaches, families nationwide are gearing up for a day of gratitude, togetherness, and, of course, a hearty feast. However, with the joy of cooking and celebration comes the responsibility of ensuring a safe kitchen environment. The Fire Department of New York (FDNY) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provide valuable insights to help you cook up a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. In this edition of MARO Monthly, we combine their expert advice for a worry-free culinary experience.

Holiday Fire Safety: *Is it really that big of a deal?*

Thanksgiving, which represents the start of the holiday season, marks an uptick in fires, injuries, and property damage. Although, you may have never experienced a hazardous event during your own family’s holiday celebration, it is important to not become complacent! Test yourself below to see how much you know about fire safety related events.

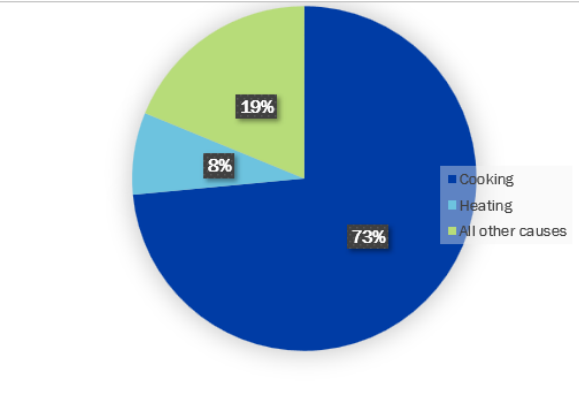
True or False:

- The average number of residential building fires more than doubles on Thanksgiving Day.
 - Answer: **TRUE**
- Cooking fires are the leading cause of fire events on Thanksgiving Day.
 - Answer: **TRUE**
- Turkey fryers should be used outside to prevent injury or a hazardous event.
 - Answer: **TRUE**
- To reduce risk of fire and subsequent spread always supervise the stove or oven while actively cooking.
 - Answer: **TRUE**

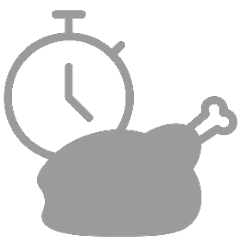
Source: (FEMA, 2023)

Thanksgiving Fire Facts & Considerations

WHAT CAUSES MOST THANKSGIVING DAY FIRES IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS?



Many Thanksgiving cooking fires are caused due to improper cooking tools and equipment usage.



[Click here to see the improper use of a turkey fryer.](#)

Interesting Fact:



“On Thanksgiving Day alone, there was a 297% increase in the daily number of cooking fires reported to U.S Fire Departments in 2021.”

Source: National Fire Protection Agency

6 TIPS TO PREVENT THANKSGIVING FIRES

- 1) **Stay Attentive in the Kitchen:**
 - a) Both FDNY and FEMA stress the importance of staying attentive while cooking. Never leave the kitchen unattended, especially when stovetops and ovens are in use. Whether you're boiling, baking, or frying, keeping a watchful eye can prevent potential fire hazards.
- 2) **Clear the Cooking Area:**
 - a) FDNY recommends keeping the area around the stove and oven clear of any flammable materials. This includes kitchen towels, potholders, and even curtains. FEMA echoes this sentiment, emphasizing the need to create a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the cooking appliances to prevent accidents.
- 3) **Use Cooking Appliances Safely:**
 - a) Both sources advise using cooking appliances with care. FDNY encourages keeping pot handles turned inward to prevent accidental spills, while FEMA emphasizes the importance of using appliances according to manufacturer instructions. Proper usage and maintenance of kitchen equipment significantly reduce the risk of home fires.
- 4) **Be Cautious with Deep-Frying:**
 - a) FEMA provides specific guidance on deep-frying, a popular method for cooking Thanksgiving turkeys. They recommend using outdoor fryers away from structures, ensuring the turkey is completely thawed and dried to prevent oil splatters. Both FDNY and FEMA caution against overfilling fryers and stress the significance of cautious operation.
- 5) **Keep a Watchful Eye on Timers:**
 - a) FDNY reminds us to use timers and alarms to stay on top of cooking times. Setting reminders ensures that you don't forget about dishes in the oven or on the stove, reducing the risk of overcooking and potential fire hazards.
- 6) **Have Fire Safety Tools Ready:**
 - a) Both FDNY and FEMA advocate for having fire safety tools readily available in the kitchen. This includes a fire extinguisher and a working smoke alarm. Being prepared ensures a swift response in case of emergencies.

Here's to a Thanksgiving filled with warmth, joy, and, above all, a safe and memorable celebration with loved ones.

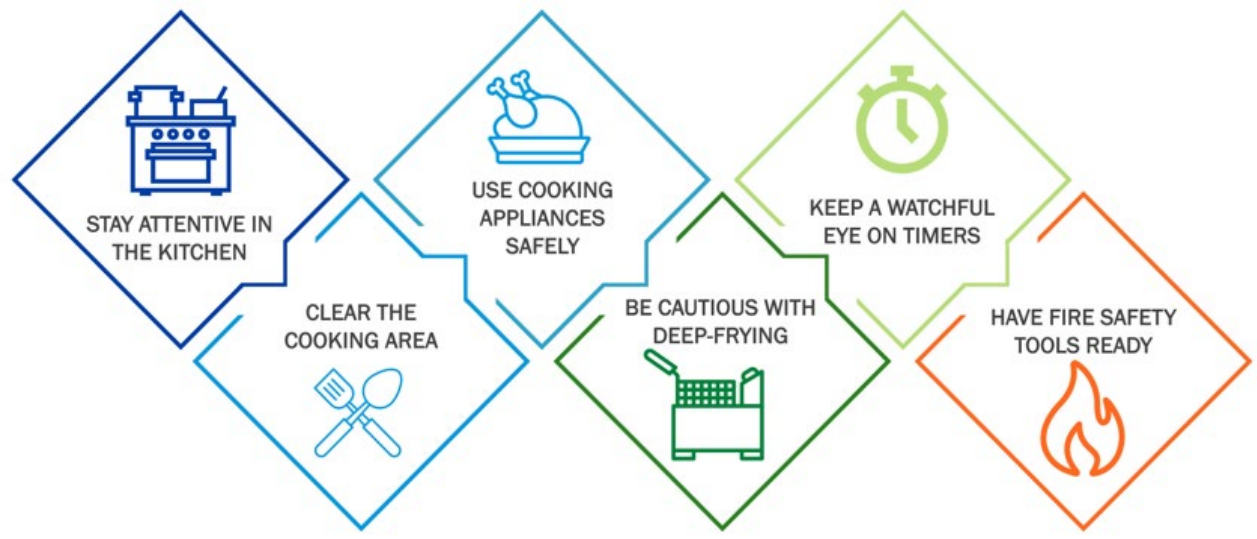
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Highlights: Mass Casualty Incident Course with the Crisis Management Training Team



During the weekend of November 18th, Northwell Health hosted a Mass Casualty Incident Management Course. The two-day course included both didactic and hands on learning activities. Participants from several different inter-disciplinary groups from fire departments, EMS agencies, and police departments throughout the area were able to learn about the functions and roles of key players in the incident command system, principles and management tactics for emergency events, and the importance of joint response and communication methods.

Prevent Fires with These 6 Strategies!





Join Us for the Spring 2024 National Emergency Management Basic Academy

Course	Start Date	End Date	Registration Link
Foundations of Emergency Management	March 4th, 2024	March 8th, 2024	Register Here
Science of Disaster	April 9, 2024	April 11, 2024	Register Here
Planning: Emergency Operations	May 7, 2024	May 8, 2024	Register Here
HSEEP	May 22, 2024	May 23, 2024	Register Here
Public Information Basics	June 4, 2024	June 6, 2024	Register Here

New Training Series Alert

The Northwell Health Crisis Management Training team is excited to share a new training opportunity coming in Spring 2024. In partnership with DHSES, our training team will be hosting a National Emergency Management Basic Academy at our Nassau County Training facility. The courses will span from March to June 2024 and will provide an opportunity to solidify Emergency Management foundational concepts to those who are interested.

[Click Here to View Upcoming Classes](#)

UPCOMING COURSES



Course: eFINDS

Date: 12/07/2023

Location: In-Person- Register through the Crisis Management Website



Course: 4 Hour OSHA

Date: 12/08/2023

Location: In-Person- Register through Northwell Crisis Management Website



Course: ICS 200 Webinar

Date: 01/16/2023

Location: Webinar- Register through the Crisis Management Website

For the full list of upcoming courses visit the Crisis Management Website!

December 2023 MARO Monthly Topic:
Business Continuity Planning



Submit your questions for Business Continuity Planning by scanning the QR code!



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