



Information release

Fire prevention week:  
Stay Safe: Prevent Kitchen Fires!

**October 4 2013, Kuujuaq, (Québec)** – From October 6 to the 12<sup>th</sup>, the Civil Security Section of the Public Security Department of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG) is launching across the region its annual Fire Prevention Week under the theme: Stay Safe: Prevent Kitchen Fires! Throughout the week, several awareness activities will take place, to educate everyone on kitchen fire prevention in particular and fire safety in general.

Most fires can be prevented and adopting a safe behaviour in the kitchen, where many sources of heat are used daily, is a good place to start. Cooking is part of every household routine, and the use of kitchen appliances such as the oven, microwave, kettle, toaster, etc. carry the risk of overheating and can be the source of a fire. However, by following these simple rules, cooking time in Nunavik becomes safer, more enjoyable for everyone and the risk of a fire drops drastically. Stay Safe in your kitchen:

- Never leave anything cooking unattended
- Always keep the space around heated surfaces clean, with nothing lying on and around it such as a dish towel on the oven
- Tell your kids to:
  - Always have an adult present in the kitchen with them
  - Never play with kitchen instruments and appliances
  - Stay 3 feet from the stove and away from things that are hot

In 2012, there were 41 fires in Nunavik, 70% of which affected residential buildings, making it an average of 3 fires per 1 000 residents. Fire damages are often costly as materials to repair and rebuild are expensive to transport. Fire prevention is essential all year around and it is in everyone's interest to put fire safety first.

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