Cooking Fire Safety

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in Seattle.

If there is a fire in a pan:
- Cover it with a lid—use an oven mitt to protect your hand.
- Turn off the stove and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- If the fire is large or has spread to other items, get outside quickly and call 911 from a safe place.

Never leave the kitchen when frying, broiling or grilling food. If you must leave the stove, turn it off or set a timer to remind you to check the food.

Keep all things that can catch fire away from the stovetop—loose clothing, oven mitts, towels, papers, food packaging, wood or plastic cooking utensils and even curtains.

Keep your cooking area clear.
If there is a fire in a pan...
Put a lid on it!
If the fire has spread, get out and call 911.