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KEEP YOUR JEWISH HOLIDAY JOYFUL AND SAFE BY TAKING PRECAUTIONS.

FIRE SAFETY FOR THE



JEWISH HOLIDAY

Jewish holiday is a time of family gatherings with special foods, songs and customs. However, when hot water and candles are used, **there is an increased risk of fires and fire-related injuries.**

CANDLE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Use sturdy candleholders.
- ☐ Use candles with flame-protective, noncombustible shades or globes.
- ☐ Keep candles at least 4 feet away from curtains, draperies, decorations, blinds and bedding.
- ☐ Place candles out of reach of small children and pets.
- ☐ Extinguish candles when they burn within 2 inches of the holder.

PREPARING THE KITCHEN

- ☐ Do not leave your oven unattended while the oven is on or in the self-cleaning cycle.
- ☐ Take precautions when handling hot and boiling water. Use oven mitts or potholders.
- ☐ Create a "kid-free safety zone" of at least 3 feet from the front of the stove and away from the Pesach kettle/pot.

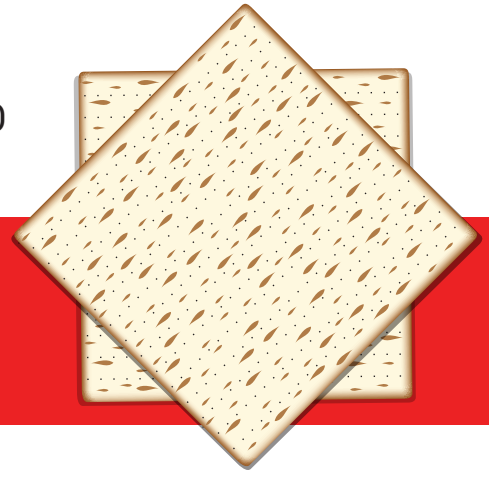
PREPARING FOR SEDER

While cooking,

- ☐ Stay in the kitchen; don't leave cooking food unattended.
- ☐ Wear tighter-fitting sleeves. (Long, loose sleeves are more likely to catch on fire or get caught on pot handles.)
- ☐ Don't become distracted.
- ☐ Maintain the "kid-free zone" of 3 feet around your stove. Turn pot handles inward, facing the wall, to prevent burns caused by overturning or spills.
- ☐ Keep the area around the stove clear of towels, papers, potholders or anything that could burn.
- ☐ Have a pot lid handy to smother a pan fire. Do not attempt to pick up the pot or pan. Shut off the heat and cover the fire with a lid.
- ☐ **DO NOT USE WATER!** It will cause splashing and spread the fire.
- ☐ Treat burns immediately with cool running water and seek medical attention.

TIPS FOR A SAFE JEWISH HOLIDAY

THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO PESACH ARE A HIGH SCALD AND BURN RISK FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.



SPECIAL BURN PREVENTION CARE NEEDS TO BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

1. **Never allow children near boiling water** when cleaning for Pesach. Adults need to take extra precautions at this time as well.
2. **Be aware that oven cleaners** (such as Easy-Off) cause severe burns. Be extremely cautious when using these products.
3. **Bedikat Chametz** (Searching for Chametz)
 - a. Keep the candle away from all flammable objects, especially curtains, sofas and tablecloths.
 - b. **SUPERVISE CHILDREN CLOSELY AT ALL TIMES!**
4. **Burning Chametz**
 - a. Keep an extra close eye on children at this time.
 - b. If possible, set up a buddy system where an older child is placed with a younger child.
 - c. Never use any type of accelerant to increase the flame.
 - d. Never put any type of aerosol can or glass containers in or near the flame.
5. **Preparing for Seder in the kitchen** - Increased activity and excitement often make people less careful just when they should be most cautious. A **"NO ZONE"** around both the stove and the blech should be created and children forbidden to enter these areas.
6. **Always turn pot handles inward** to keep pots from being pulled down by a child or knocked off by an adult.
7. **Candles/Licht** - Keep Yom Tov, Shabbes and Yahrzeit candles on sideboards, out of the reach of small children. If candles are on the table, keep them in the center, where they are less likely to be pulled down by a small child.

FDNY TOP THREE FIRE SAFETY TIPS

1. INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS
2. HAVE A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN
3. CONDUCT A SAFETY INSPECTION

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