For many families, Thanksgiving is full of turkey, travel, and gratitude. But, with the kids home from school, it can be easy to forget that hot ovens, boiling soup, and sharp cutlery are dangerous. Also, if you’re heading out or staying in, don’t forget to check the house for safety hazards.

Follow these Thanksgiving safety tips to ensure a festive and fun holiday:

**Kitchen Safety**

When cooking hot dishes, keep children at least **3 FEET AWAY**, as hot steam or liquids could cause burns.

- Keep pot handles **TURNED INWARD** and out of the reach of children.
- Never leave **CHILDREN UNATTENDED** when there is food cooking in the kitchen.
- **TEACH CHILDREN** not to go near hot ovens, especially when the oven door is open.
- Don’t **FORGET** to turn off the oven and burners when you’re finished cooking.
- Have a **FIRE EXTINGUISHER** handy in case of a grease fire.
- **MOVE DISHES** (hot and cold) away from the edge of counters, so kids or dogs don’t pull them down.

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