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UNATTENDED COOKING RESPONSIBLE FOR GLENDALE HOUSE FIRE

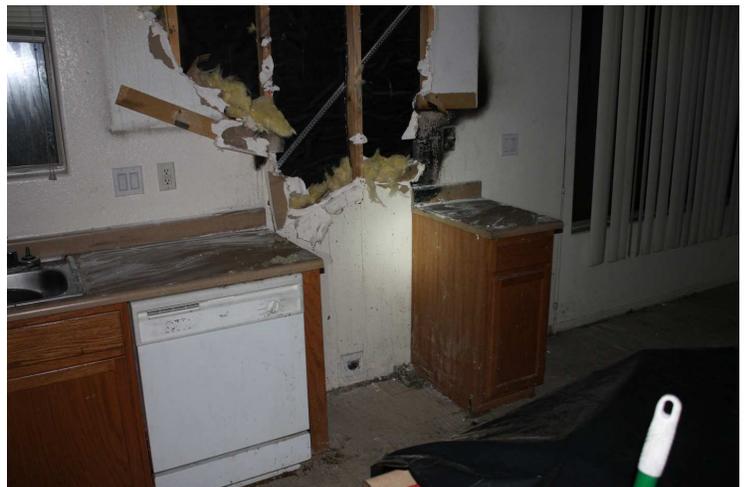
Glendale, Ariz. — Glendale Fire Investigators say a house fire at 6800 West Citrus Way on the night of March 22 was caused when food was left cooking on the stovetop unattended. The residents were home at the time of the fire but were able to get out safely.

Unattended cooking is responsible for majority of house fires across the nation and causes an estimated \$1 billion in direct property damage every year.

The Glendale Fire Department reminds everyone to make “safety” your number 1 ingredient when cooking.

SAFETY TIPS

- **Keep a fire extinguisher within reach when cooking in case of emergency and know how to use it properly.**
- **Keep the stovetop clear of flammable items like oven mitts and wooden utensils.**
- **Never pour water on a grease fire.**
- **If a fire happens to starts in a pan on the stove, put on oven mitts and place a lid over the pan to snuff out the flames. Turn the burner off and do not remove the lid until the food has cooled off.**
- **If a fire starts in the oven, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to keep flames confined to the oven.**
- **Never wear loose fitting or baggy clothing when cooking to prevent your clothes from catching on fire.**
- **Make sure all smoke detectors are in good working order.**
- **Unplug small appliances that aren't in use.**
- **Never EVER leave food unattended while cooking.**



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