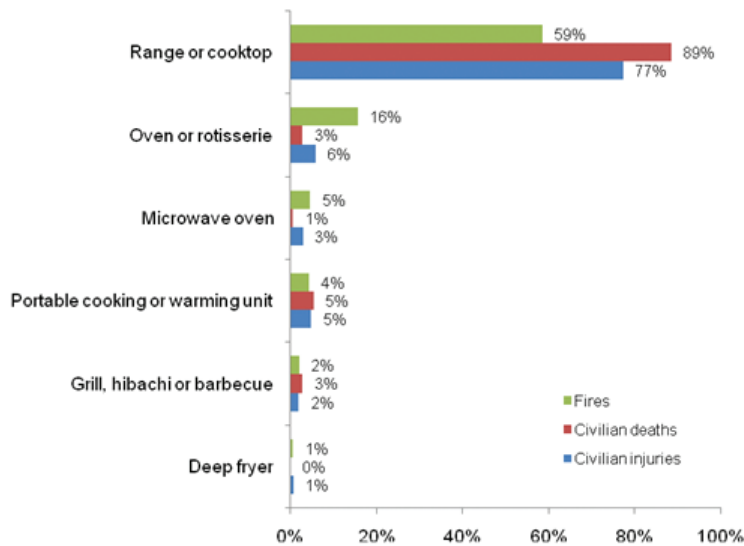




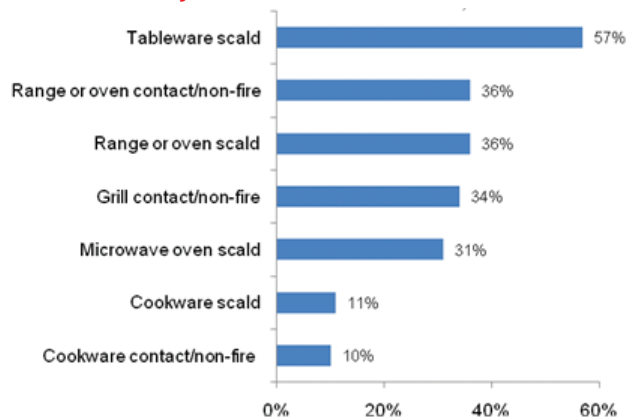
Cooking Fires Facts & Figures

- During 2004–2008, fire departments responded to an average of 155,000 home structure fires that involved cooking equipment per year. These fires caused an average of 460 civilian fire deaths, 4,850 civilian fire injuries and \$724 million in direct property damage per year.
- Cooking fires are the leading cause of home structure fires and associated civilian injuries.
- Ranges were involved in three of every five (59%) of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16%.
- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires.
- In 2004–2008, unattended cooking equipment was the leading factor contributing to home cooking fires (34%), deaths (48%), injuries (45%), and direct property damage (37%).
- 19% of the fire deaths occurred when something that could catch fire was too close to the equipment.
- In a 1999 study of range fires by the U.S. Consumer product Safety Commission, 83% of frying fires began in the first 15 minutes of cooking.

Home Cooking Equipment Fires by Equipment Involved in Ignition, 2004–2008



Percent of Non-Fire Cooking-Related Burns Seen at Emergency Rooms that Were Incurred by Children under Five Years Old, 2009



Source: Home Fires Involving Cooking Equipment, by Marty Ahrens, November 2010.

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