

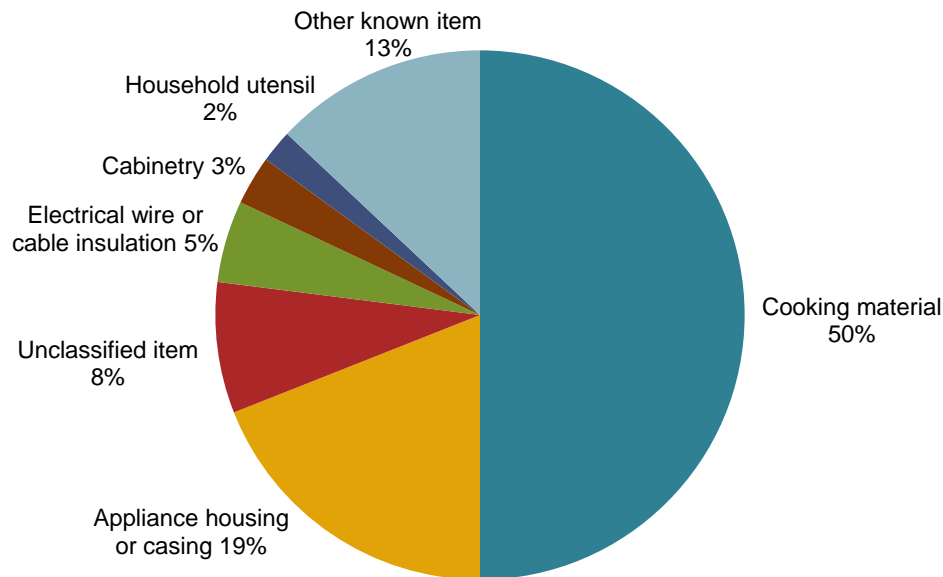


Home Fires Involving Microwave Ovens

During 2004-2008, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 7,000 home¹ structure fires per year in which a microwave oven was involved in ignition. These fires caused an annual average of two civilian deaths, 140 civilian injuries, and \$22 million in direct property damage.

- One in every five (19%) of microwave oven home structure fires cited appliance housing or casing as the item first ignited.
- Microwave ovens involve more emergency room scald burn injuries than any other cooking device.
- Nearly half (45%) of the microwave oven injuries seen at emergency rooms in 2009 were scalds.
- Thirty-one percent of the scald burns and 14% of all microwave oven related injuries were scald burns incurred by children under five

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¹ Homes are dwellings, duplexes, manufactured homes, apartments, townhouses, rowhouses and condominiums.