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Media Release

LaSalle Shares Safety Videos During Fire Prevention Week October 4-10

The LaSalle Fire Service is excited to share important fire safety videos with you this coming Fire Prevention Week. Our staff and firefighters have developed a series of short videos for the whole family to enjoy. New messages will be posted daily from October 4-10, so be sure to follow LaSalle Fire Service on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Fire Chief Dave Sutton is urging everyone in the Town of LaSalle to take some simple steps to prevent kitchen fires in their home. This year's theme of Fire Prevention Week, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™", is very timely as cooking fires continue to be the leading cause of home fires in Ontario. It focuses on the prevention of cooking fires and staying fire safe in the kitchen.

"Cooking happens in homes every day, and it has to be done responsibly to ensure it is done safely. It is important to stay alert, and stay in the kitchen while cooking. Be sure to protect yourself and your family," said Chief Sutton.

Fire safety tips in the kitchen include:

- Always stay in the kitchen when cooking and turn off the stove if you must leave the kitchen.
- Cook responsibly. To prevent cooking fires, you must be alert. You will not be alert if you have consumed alcohol or drugs.
- Keep young kids one metre away from the stove. Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge so they can't be easily knocked off.
- If you burn yourself while cooking, run cool water over the wound for three to five minutes. If the burn is severe, seek medical attention.

Typically, the LaSalle Fire Service firefighters visit our community grade schools during Fire Prevention Week to share safety messages with the staff and students. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the school visits have been cancelled for this year. It is still important to learn about fire safety and we need your help to share the message. Be sure to like and share our virtual safety messages to help us spread them far and wide. For more information, visit the [Fire Prevention Week](#) page on our website. Let's work together to protect our community.

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