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Breakfast Grease Fire Kent house fire on the West Hill

Kent, Wash. April 6, 2016- Morning breakfast turned into a small kitchen fire. Unattended grease heating on the stovetop caught fire in the 2200 Block of South 250th Street on the West Hill of Kent this morning about half past 7. Residents of the home were alerted by the smoke detector that there was danger. Unable to subdue the fire, the residents made it outside to safety. Although the kitchen will need major repairs, the house is still livable. Due to the swift response, the damage was limited to the kitchen. The five residents, and their dog Cinnamon, were not displaced.

South King Fire Rescue and Kent Regional Fire Authority units responded to the fire.

The fire was ruled accidental due to unattended cooking. There were no injuries to residents or firefighters. The estimated damage amount is \$12,000.

A couple things that all should take away from this unfortunate event are that smoke detectors save lives and the dangers of a [grease fire](#) (hyperlink to pan fire video). Make sure your batteries are changed at least annually in all your smoke detectors as well as performance of monthly testing (recommended). When dealing with a grease fire, DO NOT throw water onto the fire. If anything, call 911 and evacuate to safety. If safe to do so, wear an oven mitt to turn off the burner and place the lid on the pan to smother the fire. Specific kitchen extinguishers are also available. Baking soda works however applying it to the fire may be difficult as well as the large amount needed to subdue a fire.

Spring break is upon us, which sometimes means our young adults are left at home alone. Please take the time to educate your family on safe cooking practices.

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