



COOKING OIL FIRE DISPLACES FAMILY

City of SeaTac, Wash. July 26, 2013 – A family of six was fortunate to escape with no injuries after water was thrown on a stovetop fire where cooking oil had ignited.

The two adults and four kids will be staying with family following the fire in the 16000 block of Military Rd. S.

The fire, which was first reported at 6:26 pm, started while the family was heating oil to cook with. One of the occupants threw water on the fire hoping to extinguish it. This caused the fire to spread as the burning oil was splashed all over the kitchen.

The fire damaged all of the appliances, walls, and cabinets. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire quickly and keep it from spreading. Smoke damage was evident throughout the house.

Always cook with the lid of the pan you are using close by. In the event of a fire, place the lid on the pan while wearing an oven mitt to extinguish the flames. Slowly move the pan to an unused burner and turn off the hot burner. Do not lift the lid.

Call 9-1-1 if you are not sure that the fire has been completely extinguished.

About the City of SeaTac:

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 27,110. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the [Seattle-Tacoma International Airport](#), (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the [Port of Seattle](#). For more information contact Jeff Robinson, economic development manager, at (206) 973-4812.

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