

Environmental Health and Safety
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I. Purpose

To eliminate the risk of fire or injury at UNTH, the use, or possession of an air fryer is strictly prohibited. Toaster ovens may be used as long as they follow certain guidelines.

II. Scope

This policy applies to Air Fryers or toaster oven devices that has an air fry option or capability.

III. Procedure

This policy prohibits the use of air fryers due to the potential of allowing smoke, steam, or grease laden vapors into the space and air in which the air fryer is located. Also, the excessive heat given off during cooking can affect surrounding areas. As well as the possibility of catching fire if left plugged in.

IV. Definitions

Air Fryer: A countertop cooking appliance that fry's food using mainly hot air with very little to no oil.

V. Toaster Oven Limitations

- All cooking must be attended: timers must not be used.
- Must be listed (UL, FM, etc.) and remain in good working condition, including the cords. Must be placed only on noncombustible surfaces.
- Must be directly connected to a wall outlet with no extension cord or surge protector. Must be located and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Must not exceed 1200 watts.
- Clean toaster to remove breadcrumbs.

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VI. References

- Fire Safety Manual EHS100-05

VII. Version revisions

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