



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Turkey Fryer Causes Fire at Aloha Home**

A man trying to cook a turkey in a turkey fryer on his parents' back deck nearly burned down a house in Aloha Friday afternoon. The man called 911 at 3:15 p.m. reporting a fire on the back porch of a home at 18950 SW Honeywood Drive in Aloha.

Firefighters from TVF&R's Station 64 arrived to find flames burning the exterior of the home on the back deck. They quickly extinguished the fire and prevented it from spreading to the rest of the home.

The man who called 911 told fire investigators that he was staying at his parents home and decided to use a turkey fryer to cook a surprise meal for his parents, who were out of town. Despite manufacturers directions to the contrary, the man filled the turkey fryer 3/4 full with cooking oil and dropped the turkey into the fryer. The turkey caused the fryer to overflow and the cooking oil immediately ignited after coming in contact with the fryer's burner. Flames spread across the deck and, as the man tried to extinguish the fire with a fire extinguisher, the fire spread to the exterior kitchen wall of the home.

As the fire burned into the exterior of the home, the flames melted a water line and the fire appeared to be extinguished. The man who had attempted to cook the turkey assumed that the fire was out and left the scene of the fire to work in his parents' wood-shop nearby. A short time later, he walked back inside the home and found the interior charged with smoke as flames torched the rear of the home.

"Turkey fryers are dangerous and should only be used with utmost care," says Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Public Information Officer Brian Barker, "furthermore, they shouldn't be overfilled, used near structures or on combustible materials like wooden decks. Finally, even if you think you have extinguished a fire in your home, don't hesitate to call 911 and let firefighters ensure that it has been extinguished. Even when a fire appears to be out, it can still smolder and rekindle. Leave it to the experts to make sure that the fire is out."

TVF&R fire investigators estimate that the fire caused \$10,000 in damage.

For turkey fryer safety tips, [click here](#).



