

INCIDENT INVESTIGATION ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Turkey Fryers – BUNN01

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FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED:

HAZARD ANALYSIS COMPLIANCE

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ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE:

Please investigate the attached incident involving a possible propane turkey fryer.

Please obtain age and description of product. Document all injuries and collect all official reports. In the event that local fire investigators/fire marshals performed an investigation, it is crucial that this report be obtained.

Be sure to obtain:

- Pre-incident, incident and post-incident scenarios
- Was the fryer being used outdoors?
- What was the nature of the surface the turkey fryer was placed on, e.g. deck, concrete, table, etc.?
- Was the turkey fryer attended?
- Was the lid on the pot at any time during use?
- Did the oil boil over out of the pot?
- Was the thermometer in the oil? Did the consumer use it to determine the oil temperature?
- Record the distance from any combustible surface, e.g. side of house, awnings and overhangs, deck railing, shed, garages, carports, etc.
- Detailed timeline of sequence of events.
- What was the approximate time that the burner was ignited and an oil filled vessel placed on top?
- What was the “setting” on the burner control? Was it opened all the way or partially?
- Was the food item thawed, partially thawed, wet, etc.?
- Was the food item dropped-in or eased-in to the fryer?
- Was a basket used with the fryer? If so, obtain a description of the basket.
- How quickly did the incident occur from the time the food item was placed in the fryer?
- Describe the exact nature of the incident. Did oil spill on the consumer or did oil spill on the burner which resulted in flames? Did an explosion occur? Describe the explosion.
- Document any repairs or maintenance conducted on the product prior to the accident, including any problems the consumer noticed.
- Document all standards markings and warnings that appear on the product.
- Copy of owner’s manual for product.

If applicable, please also complete the guideline for Smoke Alarms.

Please include both primary and backup contacts in the distribution of the completed IDI.

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