



# CPSC Safety Alert

## Range Tipover Safety Alert *Check, Install, and Stay Safe*

A range anti-tip bracket can save you or your child from serious injury or death.

For 2006 through 2008, there was an estimated yearly average of 1,700 appliance-related instability and tipover injuries treated in hospital emergency departments.<sup>1</sup>

In addition, for 2000 through 2008, CPSC received reports of 13 fatalities associated with instability and tipover of stoves, ovens, and ranges. Many of the fatalities involved children younger than 10 years old.



Voluntary safety standards for gas and electric ranges require manufacturers to supply anti-tip brackets with new ranges. Make sure that you install the safety hardware, as it could save your child's life. If this safety hardware was not provided or installed, check with the range manufacturer to determine if your range model should be equipped with an anti-tip bracket. Some manufacturers will send you a replacement bracket at no charge. If the anti-tip bracket has been installed, make sure that the range is held securely by the bracket.

### **CPSC offers the following safety tips to help prevent tipover:**

✓ **Check,**

Check to see if your range has an anti-tip bracket. The anti-tip bracket should be attached securely to the wall or floor, and the range should be held securely in the bracket.

Click [here](#) for more tips on checking your range's stability.

✓ **Install,**

Install an anti-tip bracket if your range does not have one; properly engage your range in the anti-tip bracket.

and  
✓ **Stay Safe**

Don't leave children unsupervised in the kitchen; turn pot handles inward when cooking.

Move tempting items, such as cookie jars, away from the range so that children do not use an open oven door as a step to reach such items.

Do not place heavy food or other items on an open oven door.

Do not push down on an open oven door or use it as an assistive device to stand.

<sup>1</sup> Gipson, K. (February 2011). *Instability and Tipover of Appliances, Furniture and Televisions: Estimated Injuries and Reported Fatalities, 2010 Report*. Directorate for Epidemiology, Division of Hazard Analysis. Bethesda: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.