

COOKSTOP

Stovetop Fire Prevention

Fire is a frightening possibility for older adults (+65) and a reality for far too many.

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COOKSTOP is safety device that turns an electric stove OFF when left unattended.

COOKSTOP is fully programmable, and can address the changing needs of clients as they age. Seniors with varying levels of attention span can be made safer in their own homes.

Here are 3 examples of how the COOKSTOP can be programmed for different client needs:

Example 1: Family and caregiver have determined that cooking is to be allowed at any time of day, but when client leaves the cooking area, the stove will shut off after 5 minutes.

Solution: CookStop allows the client to cook when they are in the cooking area and will shut off when they are not there. If they leave the cooking area and return during the 5 minute countdown period (called AUTO time), cooking continues uninterrupted. If they leave and return after the 5 minute AUTO time, they will find the stove power is OFF and they must touch the green, blinking COOK button to continue.

How it's done: Use of the stove is based on motion (activity) in the kitchen. The factory default setting for the CookStop is an AUTO time of 5 minutes and, in this case, no programming is required. AUTO time can be changed by using the Secure Key, but it is highly recommended that AUTO time not be set for longer than 10 minutes for safety purposes.

Example 2: Client has had some “incidents” with their stove and family does not wish them to cook alone. The caregiver comes Monday through Friday to assist with cooking, among other duties. While the caregiver is in the apartment the stove is available to them, but it is disabled completely when they are not present.

Solution: The COOKSTOP is programmed using the Secure Key. AUTO time was set for 10 minutes during the caregiver’s presence, and a LOCKOUT time disables the stove during restricted hours (when caregiver is not present). From Monday through Friday, 5:30PM until 7:30AM the next day, the stove is disabled, weekends included.

How it's done: The Secure Key is a special encrypted key that is used to program the CookStop. Clients cannot make changes to the settings without this Key.

Example 3: Client cooks regularly and frequently bakes or cooks other foods for extended periods. Family and caregiver feel that client is capable of being allowed to cook for longer periods.

Solution: Client is allowed to cook as in Example 1, but the AUTO time is 10 minutes. Additionally, they are allowed to manually override the system when they wish to cook for extended periods. During this override (HOLD) period, they must return to the kitchen at least once every 25 minutes for cooking to continue uninterrupted. After the HOLD period expires, it automatically returns to the 10 minute 'Safe' mode.

How it's done: The COOKSTOP is programmed using the Secure Key. A HOLD option allow client to cook for up to 25 minutes at a time without returning to the kitchen.

A caregiver, with the particular knowledge that comes from spending extended time with their client, is in a valuable position to make specific recommendations to the family about adjusting the COOKSTOP to the client's capabilities.

NOTHING else can do what the COOKSTOP does!

COOKSTOP:

- Turns the stove OFF when someone is not present
- Can be set to disable the stove completely during certain hours or days
- Settings are adjusted and locked down by a Secure Key
- Installs easily without modifying the stove
- Does not require an electrician
- Is UL Approved as a safety device
- Will add to your value as a caregiver