

Four people in hospital following early-morning kitchen fire

Four people are in hospital today following an early morning apartment fire on Rundle Drive.

The 911 call was received at 4:50 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, and Edmonton Fire Rescue crews were immediately dispatched. Firefighters were on scene at 4:56 a.m., with a full first alarm response (six units and 26 firefighters). The fire was declared out at 5:27 a.m.

Edmonton Fire Rescue Investigators have determined that the fire began in the kitchen of an apartment, and was caused by a pot of oil overheating on the stove.

Several patients were sent to hospital to be treated for various injuries, including two infants. Their condition is not known at this time. Further inquiries on the status of these patients can be directed to Alberta Health Services.

Cooking fires are Edmonton's number one cause of unintended residential fires. Edmonton Fire Rescue Services would like to remind Edmontonians to take caution when cooking and never leave pots and pans unattended on a stove. If you encounter a stove fire, if it is safe to do so, cover the pot or pan with a nearby lid or cookie sheet. If you can't put the kitchen fire out, leave the building, alert others and call 911.

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