



The Importance of Oven Anti-Tip Devices

These devices are required by the manufacturers' as part of their installation instructions. Building Codes defer on specifics such as this to the manufacturers instructions, so in the opinion of most Home Inspectors anti-tip devices should be installed on all free standing ranges/ovens to prevent them tipping forward when a weight is placed on the open door.

All modern ranges come with this device; however it is often missed out of the installation. Its presence can usually be checked by removing the warming drawer and looking to see if one of the rear legs is retained within the anti-tip bracket. If not, the devices can be obtained from the manufacturer and are relatively easy to install by a homeowner or handyman.

Please see the back of this page for real-life stories of oven-tipping tragedies.

Some typical manufacturer's warning and installation instructions are provided below.



▲ WARNING ANTI-TIP DEVICE

All ranges can tip and injury could result.

To prevent accidental tipping of the range, attach it to the wall by installing the Anti-Tip device supplied.

If the Anti-Tip device supplied with the range does not fit this application, use the universal Anti-Tip device WB2X7909.

To check if the device is installed and engaged properly, carefully tip the range forward. The Anti-Tip device should engage and prevent the range from tipping over.



If you pull the range out from the wall for any reason, make sure the device is properly engaged when you push the range back against the wall. If it is not, there is a possible risk of the range tipping over and causing injury if you or a child stand, sit or lean on an open door.

Please refer to the Anti-Tip device information in this manual. Failure to take this precaution could result in tipping of the range and injury.

ANTI-TIP DEVICE

▲ WARNING — To reduce the risk of tipping, the appliance must be secured by properly installed Anti-Tip bracket packed with this appliance.

If the Anti-Tip device supplied with the range does not fit this application, use the universal Anti-Tip device WB2X7909.



▲ WARNING —

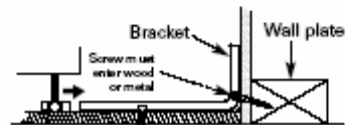
- All ranges can tip
- Injury to persons could result
- Install Anti-Tip bracket packed with range
- See Installation Instructions



If you pull the range out and away from the wall for any reason, make sure the Anti-Tip bracket is engaged when the range is pushed back against the wall.

9 ANTI-TIP DEVICE INSTALLATION

An Anti-Tip bracket is supplied with instructions for installation in a variety of locations. The instructions include all necessary information to complete the installation. Read the Safety Instructions and the instructions that fit your situation before beginning installation.



Typical installation of anti-tip bracket attachment to wall

▲ WARNING:

- Range must be secured by Anti-Tip bracket supplied.
- If the Anti-Tip device supplied with the range does not fit this application, use the universal Anti-Tip device WB2X7909.
- See instructions to install (supplied with bracket).
- Unless properly installed, the range could be tipped by stepping or sitting on the door. Injury may result from spilled hot liquids or from the range itself.



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On April 2, 2002 in Los Angeles, 2-year-old Edwin Campos and two of his young cousins were critically injured when they accidentally tipped over a kitchen stove and were doused with a pot of scalding water.

"In the best case scenario, this boy will have years of reconstructive surgery," states Peter Grossman, a Los Angeles burn specialist who is caring for the toddler. Inside Edition reveals many similar accidents over the years when children have caused stoves to tip and investigates why these tragedies continue to occur.

A \$425,000 settlement brings the total amount that a Rockford girl will receive for injuries sustained in a 1997 oven-tipping accident to just over \$2.1 million.

Attorneys for the Rockford Housing Authority, which managed the Concord Commons apartment where the accident took place, and the child's legal defense team agreed to settle the case late Sunday night. Jury selection was set to begin Monday morning.

The settlement ends a four-year battle in which four entities agreed or were ordered to pay damages to the child and her family. In February, Delaware-based stove manufacturer White Consolidated Industries agreed to pay \$675,000. The American Gas Association also was ordered to pay \$25,000. Earlier this month, Rockford Housing Development Corp., the group that owns the Concord Commons housing project, agreed to pay \$1 million.

Unique Russey was 2 years old when she opened the oven door in her mother's Concord Commons apartment kitchen and climbed onto it. The range tipped over, spilling hot chicken grease onto Russey and causing second and third-degree burns. Now 9, Russey has potentially permanent injuries and scarring.

In 2000, attorneys for Russey and her mother, Thalassa Shipp, sued the manufacturing company and housing organizations. They argued that all of the parties created an unsafe environment and that anti-tip brackets that came with the oven should have been installed but were not.

Ultimately, I think it was that pressure of knowing that we were going to go forward that resulted in the settlement, said Larry Morrissey, one of Shipp's attorneys.

We are pleased that this case has come to an end, and we hope that no child and no family will ever have to go through this type of needless tragedy again, Shipp said in a written statement.

"We're glad it's come to a satisfactory conclusion," said RHA Deputy Director Steve Anderson. Anderson said all ovens in RHA property kitchens, including the 216 apartments at Concord Commons, now have some type of security device to prevent tipping.