



# Microwave Safety Tips

- 1. Verify whether the container is microwave safe.**  
If neither the item or packaging is marked, it's best to use a different container. Unlabeled container may overheat, melt and cause burns and fire.
- 2. Don't reheat beverages or boil water in paper cup.**  
Do not microwave or reheat beverages in paper cup or containers designed for one-time use. The containers are not designed for multiple use and may burst or overheat when reheated, causing burns.
- 3. When opening bags, removing covers or plastic films point the opening away from you to prevent burn from the steam.**
- 4. Do not leave microwave oven unattended when operating, especially when microwaving popcorn.**  
You want to be around in the event something occurred. If there's a fire in the microwave, turn it off immediately (hit the stop button or unplug it). This will stop the fan, which feeds oxygen to the flames. Never open the door until the fire is completely out.
- 5. Plug microwave directly into a wall outlet rather than using a surge protector.**  
Due to the high energy demand, the surge protector capacity may be exceeded, causing it to short circuit. Also, the State Fire Marshal will inspect for compliance.

