

The Best Egg Hunts Start With Safety

Kids anticipate the yearly hunt for meticulously dyed Easter eggs.

But Easter eggs can be dangerous if they are not cooked correctly or are unrefrigerated, and hunts can become dangerous if eggs are hidden in unsafe locations.

Tips for safe cooking and hunting:

- Buy fresh eggs no more than a few days before you cook them.

- Put one layer of eggs in a pot and cover them with water. Boil 12 minutes for medium-sized eggs, 15 minutes for large and



18 minutes for extra large. Put an extra egg in as the test egg.

Both the white and the yolk should be firm before removing the eggs.

- Refrigerate eggs immediately and let them cool before dyeing.

- Discard any cracked eggs.

- Only use food-safe dyes.

- When hiding eggs, avoid electrical dangers.

- If indoors, steer clear of stoves and toasters. Never hide an egg inside of an appliance.

- If outdoors, do

not hide eggs in tool sheds, near power tools or electric water pumps or near animal waste.

- Do not allow eggs to go unrefrigerated for more than two hours if they are being used for human consumption. Bacteria love protein-rich foods.

- Make a list of where you hide the eggs, so none are forgotten.

Eggs used for an Easter egg hunt can be dangerous for human consumption! They are usually not refrigerated longer than two hours, and the eggs can become contaminated with animal waste.

It's much safer to color one batch of eggs for eating, and using a second batch of colored eggs for the egg hunt. Remember the food safety rule: when in doubt, throw it out! ■

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