Microwave Safety Tips
Verify whether the container is microwave safe.

- If neither the item or packaging is marked, it’s best to use a different container. Unlabeled containers may overheat, melt, and cause burns and fire.
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.
When opening bags or removing covers/plastic films, point the opening away from you to prevent burn from the steam.
Do not leave microwave oven unattended when operating, especially when microwaving popcorn.

- You want to be around in the event something occurs.
- If there’s a fire in the microwave, turn it off immediately by pressing the ‘stop’ button or unplugging the machine.
  - This will stop the fan, which feeds oxygen to the flames.
  - Never open the door until the fire is completely out.
Plug microwaves 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.