

HOLIDAY SEASONAL SAFETY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- ⌚ **Select a fresh tree** - Before placing it on a stand, saw off a 2” portion from the trunk so it can absorb water and be sure to keep your tree stand filled for as long as the tree is in your home.
- ⌚ Place the tree away from heat sources and away from doorways where it might block the path of an emergency exit.
- ⌚ If you choose an artificial tree - choose one that is tested and labeled as fire resistant. Artificial trees with built-in electrical systems should have the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label.
- ⌚ **Turn tree lights off** when you are not around the tree or sleeping and especially when you leave your home.
- ⌚ **Do not!!!** - burn candles on or near the tree or overload electrical cords.
- ⌚ Angel hair and cotton snow are flame retardant when used alone; however, if artificial snow is sprayed onto them, the dried combination **will burn rapidly**.
- ⌚ **Smoke Detectors!** – Make sure they work and have good batteries. If you do not have one, **GET ONE!**
- ⌚ **Extension Cords** – No more than three light sets per extension cord. Place them against walls to avoid tripping but do not run cords under rugs. **DO NOT** use damaged cords with frayed or bare wires.
- ⌚ **Kitchen** – Pot handles should be turned toward the rear of the stove, do not leave food unattended or overfill pans with oil. Make sure you are turning on the right burner.
- ⌚ **Have a fire extinguisher handy!!!! Find an A. B. C. Type**
- ⌚ **Escaping a fire** – Have 2 ways out in sleeping rooms (window & door). Once out you **MUST** stay out! **Children should know** street address, last name & how to call **911**. Keep bedroom doors closed while sleeping (keeps smoke out). Remember that you crawl and feel the wall for direction.
- ⌚ **Fire Drill** – **EDITH (Exit Drills In The Home)** – Plan and teach your children how to get out (draw a map); where to meet outside; to stay out; and to call 911 or get help from a neighbor. Review the plan periodically so it is fresh in their mind. If on a 2nd floor, make sure they are familiar with the use of an escape ladder. If you do not have one **GET ONE!!!**