



Fire Prevention Canada

Working with the private and public sectors to achieve
fire safety through education

Fire Prevention Canada Wishes You a Fire-Safe Holiday Season

Fire Prevention Canada (FIPRECAN), the national voice of fire safety and education, wishes to remind all Canadians of simple fire prevention measures to implement during this holiday season, in the hope that everyone will have a fire-safe holiday season. The number of residential fires sadly increases during this time of year, destroying homes, memories, presents and more frighteningly, lives. Most are preventable.

“Never leave lit candles near ornaments, and never overload extension cords. Have your chimney cleaned and inspected regularly. These are just some of the things Canadians can do to prevent fire in their homes,” advised David Hodgins, President of Fire Prevention Canada. “The holiday season is a hectic time, and it is during moments of forgetfulness, inattention or hurry that fire hazards can turn into destructive fires. This should be the time of year for celebration, so let us be as vigilant about being fire-safe as we are about not drinking and driving.”

Being mindful of things as simple as turning off decoration lights before going to bed will save lives. Other prevention measures include:

- Keep candles in a sturdy holder away from children, pets and combustible materials. Blow them out before leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires.
- Alcohol and fire are a dangerous mix. Keep a close eye on anyone cooking or smoking while under the influence of alcohol.
- Space heaters need space – ensure at least one metre of clearance.
- Make sure you have working smoke alarms on all levels of your home.
- Keep your natural Holiday tree well-watered to prevent drying and becoming a fire hazard.

For more fire prevention tips, please visit the fact sheet section of Fire Prevention Canada’s website at: www.fiprecan.ca.

Fire Prevention Canada wishes all Canadians Happy Holidays.

Fire Prevention Canada (FIPRECAN) profile

Fire Prevention Canada’s mission is to increase the awareness of fire prevention and safety through direct education of the public. The organization’s goal is to reduce the number of mostly preventable residential fires across this country, many of which are fatal. The Council of Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners is a member of Fire Prevention Canada and helps manage its affairs. FIPRECAN’s Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from the Council of Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners, the fire service and the public sector. FIPRECAN also creates a yearly Fire Prevention Week Kit and organizes events surrounding Fire Prevention Week, which this year took place from October 4th to October 10th. Fire Prevention Canada is a registered charity which is proud of the patronage of Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada. For more information, please visit us at www.fiprecan.ca.

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