

# SAFETY MONDAY

## Thanksgiving is a time to think about everything in our lives in which we are to be grateful for.

During this time of the year many of us travel to relatives houses or have company over your house to celebrate. While setting up decorations, electrical and fall hazards are typically present. Watch out for uneven ground, and damaged electrical cords. Before plugging anything into an outlet check to see if the ground prong is still in place. When using a ladder be sure you have it properly placed on even ground and at the proper angle. Whenever possible have someone hold the ladder while you are on it.

If traveling home for the holidays be sure to let someone know your travel plans and expected time of arrival. If you are traveling in a car avoid distractions, keep yourself well rested, and pull over to use your phone. GPS devices are a great device to avoid distracting large maps but also have their own dangers. Keep your eyes on the road and not down on the screen.

When cooking at home inspect your kitchen fire extinguisher to ensure its in good condition. Don't leave the kitchen when items are on the stove, use potholders when moving hot pans, and keep an eye on the carving tools so children don't get a hold of them. If you are deep frying a turkey, only do it outdoors. Don't forget that the turkey will displace the oil potentially causing it to overflow.

Finally, when having people in your home or going out indulging in drinks is a common practice. Be sure to keep an eye on your guests. Drunk driving deaths unfortunately increase around the holidays. To become liable for over serving a guest. Enjoy the time with your family and have a happy thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING SAFETY



THE GREATEST NUMBER OF HOME-COOKING FIRES OCCUR ON THANKSGIVING.

**TOP CAUSES OF HOME FIRES:**



**HEAT SOURCE TOO CLOSE TO FLAMMABLE MATERIALS**



**PRODUCT MISUSE (MOSTLY TURKEY FRYERS)**

**UNATTENDED EQUIPMENT**



**ACCIDENTALLY LEAVING COOKING EQUIPMENT ON**





**ABANDONED MATERIAL**



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