

Holiday Safety Tips

With the holidays just around the corner, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you to take extra safety precautions in an effort to ensure you have a safe and joyful holiday season. Please be aware there might be an increase in activity in the area and, in some cases, people seem to be more distracted and the potential for incidents of

crime can increase. There are steps that you can take to reduce the risk of crime in your community. We believe it would be well worth your time to review them and become familiar with some of these precautions:



- Lock the dead bolt on your door at all times, whether at home or away.
- Keep your vehicle locked at all times and keep Christmas gifts and other valuables out of sight by placing them in the glove compartment, trunk or under a seat.
- Close and lock your windows and patio door when you are away. Do not leave your apartment unattended with windows or doors open.
- Close your blinds when you are away.
- Do not hide your front door key under your doormat.
- Be alert and careful when you walk alone outside.
- Please notify the office of any faulty exterior lighting.
- Call **911** if you observe any suspicious activity

According to the U.S. Fire Administration there is an increased incidence of cooking fires on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day, and Christmas Day.



IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE

Evacuate the building immediately and call



Please feel free to contact your leasing office if you have any further questions



As we always strive to keep our residents safe, these tips have been provided by various websites on keeping your home fire-safe

Keep Your Home Fire Safe

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Stay alert! To prevent cooking fires, you have to be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy.
- Keep anything that can catch fire – potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels or curtains – away from your stovetop.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire if it comes into contact with a gas flame or electric burner.
- Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance, it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- **If you use candles during the holidays, use them safely.** Keep candles well away from trees, decorations, lamp shades, curtains and other items that burn.
- **Trees tend to dry out and catch fire easily.** Be sure your tree has a constant water supply.
- **Use caution if you smoke at home.** Don't smoke inside your home. If you do smoke in your home, never smoke in bed or leave burning cigarettes unattended. Don't empty burning or hot ashes in a trash can, and keep ashtrays away from upholstered furniture and curtains.
- **Do not overload electrical outlets.**
- **Have an escape plan.** Create a home fire escape plan.
- **Keep all matches and lighters out of reach from children.** Store them up high, preferably in a locked cabinet.