

# 'Tis the Season to be Careful



## ENJOY A FIRE SAFE HOLIDAY

### WHAT'S THE RISK?

Smoking and cooking are the **top 2 causes of fatal fires** during the holidays (Nov, Dec, Jan).

Injuries caused by smoking account for **1 in 10 home** fire injuries during the holidays.

Smoking accounts for **30%** of all home fire deaths during the holidays.

Cooking fires account for **19%** of all home fires during the holidays.

**27%** of all home fire injuries occur in cooking fires during the holidays.

**Alcohol is a factor in many fatal fires involving smoking and cooking.  
DRINK RESPONSIBLY!**

Contact: South Algonquin Fire Department

or

Office of the Fire Marshal & Emergency Management  
[www.ontario.ca/firemarshal](http://www.ontario.ca/firemarshal)

### How do I protect my family during the holidays?

- ❖ Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- ❖ Keep an eye on any drinkers in your household and make sure all cigarettes are properly extinguished and the stove is off before going to bed.
- ❖ Cigarettes can smoulder among upholstered items for hours before igniting. Check sofas and chairs for cigarettes that may have fallen between the cushions.
- ❖ Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers.
- ❖ Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

### ARE YOU PROTECTED BY SMOKE AND CO ALARMS?

- ❖ In 34% of fatal home fires there is no smoke alarm warning.
- ❖ Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- ❖ CO alarms are required outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.



Statistics for Ontario between 2010-2014.