



Parents —

The holidays are a fun time for all. It is a time for family and friends, gifts and treats, and love and warmth. Because of this, it is important to ensure the safety of your family during this joyous time of year.

The holiday season is statistically one of the most dangerous for automobile accidents and fire hazards. It is important to have an emergency kit and plan in place and to make sure everyone in your family understands it. Information for both can be found on our website - www.cleburnecounty.us. Basic items needed in an emergency kit can also be found in the holiday activity book that has been given to your child.

Please look over our enclosed tips and help us make this holiday season the safest yet!



SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Tips for Holiday Safety

Decorating.. Safely!

- * Place Christmas trees and other greenery away from fireplaces.
- * Keep tree stands filled with water. Dried out Christmas trees are a fire hazard.
- * Check light sets for frayed wires, broken bulbs, and loose connections. Throw away damaged sets.
- * Place candles out of reach of children and make sure you blow them out before going to bed or leaving the house.
- * If you have small children, avoid using sharp or breakable decorations. If using tinsel, be sure to keep out of children's reach.
- * Do not use decorations that look like food or candy as they may tempt small children to sample them.
- * Keep holiday plants away from pets and children. Mistletoe, holly berries, and Christmas cactus are

poisonous if swallowed. Poinsettias can cause sickness in humans and can be deadly for pets.

Christmas Shopping..

- * Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard if they are separated from you.
- * Keep children under age 4 in a stroller or supervise them closely.
- * If your child is in a shopping cart, always remember to use the safety belt and stay close to the cart.
- * Be sure to buckle up while traveling.

Gift giving..

- * Follow age recommendations on toy packaging.
- * Do not give children under age 3 toys that contain small or metal parts or toys that break easily.
- * Include helmets and other protective gear when giving bicycles, skates, or skateboards.
- * If you are considering buying your

child a BB or pellet gun, instruct them on the proper way to use it and make sure they are supervised.

- * Do not dispose of gift wrapping in the fireplace as it could cause a flash fire.
- * Throw all toy packaging right away so that it does not become a choking or suffocation hazard.
- * Keep batteries away from children. They are toxic if swallowed.

