



LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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Winter Holiday Safety

Winter Facts

December, January, February and March are peak months for home fire deaths.

During winter months, heating equipment is the leading cause of home fires. About two-thirds of home heating fire deaths are caused by portable or fixed space heaters.

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries overall.

Local Statistics

In 2015, VFD responded to a total of 290 fire incidents of which, 93 were building fires, 32 were as a result of cooking and 1 was a chimney fire.

Safety Tips

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.



- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.

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- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

Always Remember

1. Never use your oven to heat your home.
2. Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
3. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
4. Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.

National Fire Protection Association

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/top-causes-of-fire/heating/heating-safety-tips> & California State Firefighter's Association

Keep in Mind That Safety is Important All Year, but Especially During the Winter Months.

Did you know that children under 5 years old and older adults over 65 years old are the most vulnerable to injuries and death during a house fire. This is mainly due to the mobility factor of both groups.

Did you know that having working smoke alarms in all sleeping areas of your home as well as having a home escape plan increases your chances of survival in the event of a fire.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer, please contact Tangelia Rowe at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email valdostafire@valdostacity.com

Fire Safety Word Search

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Fire Safety Quiz

1. At what degrees Fahrenheit does water freeze?
 - A. 100
 - B. 50
 - C. 21
 - D. 32
2. When water is cooled it _____.
 - A. Implodes
 - B. Contracts
 - C. Expands
 - D. Evaporates

Correct Answers: 1. D, 2. C



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