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## National Home Fire Safety Week, November 24-30, 2010

With the fun filled holiday season quickly approaching comes a need to take safety precautions around the home. Whether it is making sure the Christmas tree is properly watered, to hanging fire safe ornaments, to not overloading electric outlets, there are a number of steps you can take to avoid a holiday disaster.

A very important holiday tip that should be followed all year long is to make sure that smoke alarms are working and there is one on every level of the house. Single level homes and apartments should have smoke alarms near the kitchen and all sleeping areas.

Here are a few simple safety tips to keep your home fire-safe during the holidays:

### The Christmas Tree

- When purchasing a real tree, check for freshness by tapping it on the ground- dropping needles, indicates a dry, highly flammable tree. Needles should be hard to pull from branches.
- When purchasing an artificial tree make sure its 'fire resistant.' Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, the tree will resist burning.
- Place your tree away from fireplaces and radiators.
- Never use lighted candles on or near the tree. Water tree daily

### Decorations

- Choose decorations that are fire-resistant.
- Avoid using tinsel and spray on snowflakes.

### Lights

- Use Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved lights.
- Before hanging, make sure to check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets.
- Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Do not overload electrical outlets, and never string more than three sets of lights per extension cord.

### Candles

- Never leave burning candles unattended, and always keep out of reach of children
- Keep in sturdy holders on a stable surface, well away from curtains, tress, or any other flammable object.
- Put out all candles before leaving the room or going to sleep.

### The Kitchen

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing while cooking
- Make sure items such as paper towels, are kept away from the stove.
- Use a timer to remind you that your stove is on.
- In case of a fire, never turn on the overhead fan – this could spread the fire.

If a fire starts and can't be quickly put out, leave your home and immediately call the fire department from a safe location.

*Information courtesy of the Canadian Safety Council: <http://safety-council.org/>*



## Do you Rent? Did you know....

There were changes to the Residential Tenancies Act that took effect on June 30:

- Landlords who terminate a tenancy because they want to renovate, demolish or change the use of a unit or move family into it must give notice based on the vacancy rate. When the vacancy rate is less than 2% the notice is 5 months. When the rate is 3% or higher three months' notice must be given.
- If a landlord sold a property and the vacancy rate is less than 3% they must give a tenant in a month-to-month tenancy agreement 3 months notice.
- Landlords who terminate tenancy agreements because of the above reasons may have to pay moving costs up to \$500.00
- Fees for late payment of rent are \$10.00 for the first day and \$1.00/day up to \$100.00
- Abandonment administration fees are now \$75.00



*For further information on new amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act and new forms visit their website at: [www.manitoba.ca/rtb](http://www.manitoba.ca/rtb)*

### Loaves and Fishes Food Program

**When:** Every Saturday

**Where:** 7<sup>th</sup> Street Health Access Centre Community Kitchen  
Coffee from 12:00-1:00  
Food distribution from 1:30-2:00

Free bread, produce, fruits and veggies available to anyone in need.

For more information call 726-3312

### Specialized Support Services November events:

**November 8<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30** "National Seniors Safety Week" Presentation on Falls Prevention and the Lifeline system. Presenter: Loretta Hamilton of Seniors for Seniors. It will take place in the children's section room rental of the Brandon Public Library.

**November 25<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30** Christmas card making in the children's section room rental of the Brandon Public Library

For more information call 578-4809



### Reminder!!

The 7<sup>th</sup> Street Health Access Centre will be closed on Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> for Remembrance Day.