



Enjoy a Safe Holiday Season

Holiday safety is an issue that burns brightest from late November to mid-January, the time when families gather and parties are scheduled. By taking some basic precautions, you can ensure your whole family remains safe and injury – free throughout the season.

Watch Out for those Fire – starters

Turkey Fryers

While many subscribe to the theory any fried food is good-even if it's not necessarily good for you- there is reason to be on alert if you're thinking of celebrating the holidays by frying a turkey.

The NSC (National Safety Council) discourages the use of turkey fryers at home and urges those who prefer fried turkey to seek out professional establishments or consider a new oil-less turkey fryer. But for those who don't heed the advice, please follow these precautions (<http://www.pbs.org/food/features/five-safety-tips-for-deep-frying-turkey/>):

- Set up the fryer more than 10 feet from the house and keep children away
- Find flat ground; the oil must be even and steady to ensure safety

- Use a thawed and dry turkey; any water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over
- Fryer lid and handle can become very hot and cause burns
- Have a fire extinguisher ready at all times