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GLENDALE FIRE WANTS YOU TO HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Glendale, Ariz. — The winter holidays and cooler temperatures are a time for getting together with family and friends, and this means more cooking, home decorating, entertaining and unfortunately, an increase in home fires.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries and ties with heating as the second leading cause of home fire deaths. December, January, and February are the leading months for home fires, when half of all home heating fires occur.

The Glendale Fire Department reminds you to practice safe habits and to keep in mind the following tips to ensure the health and safety of loved ones during the holiday seasons.

- Always supervise children around water and make sure the gate or door that leads to the pool is always locked. Interior fences provide an additional barrier and should have self-closing, self-latching gates.
- When cooking for holiday visitors, be sure to keep an eye on the oven.
- Enforce a “kid-free zone” of three feet around cooking areas and turn handles inward away from the reach of small children
- Never pour water onto a grease fire and never discharge a fire extinguisher onto a pan fire, doing so will spread the fire.
- Take a moment to test your smoke detector before cooking.
- Discuss your escape plan with visitors in the event a fire breaks out.
- Never leave a candle burning unattended.

- Keep candles clear of curtains, decorations, and other combustibles.
- Inspect your fireplace, chimney and make sure the flue is open before lighting a fire.
- Never use grills or fryers indoors.
- Keep anything that will burn three feet away from space heaters.
- Learn or review first-aid skills to aid someone who is choking or having a heart attack.
- Learn “hands-only” CPR in the event someone stops breathing, or heart stops. Go to

www.glendaleaz.com/fire to learn “hands-only” CPR...ITS THAT EASY!

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