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## **Holiday Safety Tips**

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With the holiday season approaching, taking the time to spend it with loved ones it critical to our own happiness. Some must travel far, other travel locally. Regardless of how far you travel, or if you stay home, hazards can be everywhere. Taking the time to follow a few holiday safety tip will help protect yourself and your loved ones.

When traveling, be sure you have enough gas in the car in case you are stuck on the road. Stay off the phone and slowdown in adverse conditions. Let your family know your travel plans in case something happens. Having the right emergency equipment in your car for your area of the country is key. Finally, when parking be sure to keep your valuables out of site to reduce the risk of theft.

If you are hosting a gathering of friends and family your responsibility to ensure no one is hurt is crucial. Never leave food unattended while cooking. Fires from the stove top are a common source among the holidays. Ensure you cook the food to the proper temperature. Invest in a meat thermometer if needed. Bluetooth thermometers are readily available and make cooking a breeze. Keep lit candles under a watchful eye. 25% of fires from candles happen in December and January. Be sure to keep your driveways and walkways slip free from the icy conditions. Finally remember to keep your decorations in safe areas where children won't pull it down or

they can catch fire.



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